



ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

STATION WPTF

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WPTF PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

WPTF operates an "All News, All Day" format that includes "in-depth" news coverage. Many of the "news segments" that air each weekday deal with issues of politics, economy, human relations, morality, and other general topics affecting the community and our listeners in the Raleigh-Durham area. In 24-hours, 680 WPTF airs 12 hours of news programming and 12 hours of informative talk programming each weekday.

1. North Carolina's Early Morning News and Morning News (Monday - Friday, 5:00 am - 10:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "all news program," hosted by Patrick Johnson, Brian Freeman, and Donna Martinez focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and traffic and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this weekday program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their day started. The program includes updates from CBS Market Watch. There are regular guest appearances by people in the political, tech, business, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

2. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Patrick Johnson which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the entertainment, local news, political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

3. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Bruce Ferrell which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

4. North Carolina's Afternoon News (Monday - Friday, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Brandon Dickson focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with people in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

5. North Carolina's Evening News (Monday - Friday, (4:00 pm-7:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Scott Briggaman focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

6. Clark Howard (Monday – Friday, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

The nationally produced Clark Howard show is helping millions of Americans through all types of financial trouble. He simplifies complex issues, allays fears, and offers sound advice to help families thrive during financial crisis. In addition to the program, listeners are kept up to date with news updates from CBS and WPTF News.

7. Open Line with Tom Kearney (Monday - Friday 9 pm -10 pm)

Hosted by long time WPTF staff member Tom Kearney, this show spans a wide gamut of issues including current events, sports and pop culture. Guest experts normally participate in the show and calls are

taken from local listeners as well as many others within range of WPTF's 50,000 watt night time signal via a toll-free number.

8. Dr. Joy Browne

(Monday - Friday 10:00 pm – 1:00 am)

Nationally syndicated talk radio show focused on helping people deal with different life difficulties.

9. Red-Eye Radio

(Monday – Sunday, 1:00 am – 5:00 am, Saturday, to 7:00 am)

Nationally syndicated, Red-Eye Radio is the country's national clearinghouse of information, thoughts and opinions on numerous issues. Katie Award Winning hosts Eric Harley and Gary McNamara engage their millions of listeners and callers with the major issues of the day including current events, legislation, popular culture, family issues, detailed national weather forecasts, safety tips and interviews with trucking industry leaders.

10. WPTF News: WPTF broadcasts world, national and local news at the top and bottom of every hour 24 hours a day. Newscasts also include sports and weather. Breaking news is broadcast immediately by WPTF's staff of six full-time news anchors/reporters plus the resources of CBS News. All major news events, such as a State of the Union speech are carried live. Some examples of local news stories during the 1st quarter are listed at the end of this report, along with date, time and issue.

11. WPTF Traffic Reports:

WPTF broadcasts local traffic weekdays from 5 am to 9 am and 3 pm to 7 pm. Reports are aired at :08, :18, :28, :38, :48 and :58. Each report runs from a full minute in length and are produced locally within WPTF's studios by the Triangle Traffic Network

In addition to the weekday programs, WPTF airs numerous weekend programs in the public interest:

12. North Carolina's Morning News – Saturday (Saturdays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "news wheel," hosted by Dave Richmond focused on world, national and local news, plus weather and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their Saturday started. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

13. Weekend Gardener:

(Saturdays, 8:00 am – 11:00 am)

A locally-produced talk show that has experts fielding listener's calls about plants and gardening.

14. Dining Out with Greg Cox:

(Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

A locally produced restaurant review program featuring News and Observer food critic Greg Cox and hosted by Dave Richmond. Greg gives listeners the inside scoop on eateries all over the Triangle covering all food categories, new restaurants and secret places to eat.

15. The Trader's Edge (Saturdays, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm and effective February 16, 2014, Sunday's, 9:00 am – 10:00 am)

Sponsored by "Online Trading Academy, this regionally syndicated, "paid," program, hosted by Scott Tansill, advises investors on methods and strategies to make money in the stock market.

16. The Financial Planning Hour with Rick Parkes (Saturdays, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm and effective March 8, 2014)

This locally produced call in program highlights financial expert Rick Parkes, who helps people keep their money and create a plan that will ensure that they do not outlive their money but live a comfortable life in retirement.

17. Joe Wade Formicola:

(Saturdays, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – effective March 8, 2014)

Locally produced call in show that centers on topical news and debate on anything from entertainment to the latest in politics. Joe Wade offers up whatever is on his or his listener's minds with little to no holding back.

18. The Money Pit Home Improvement Show (Saturdays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Nationally syndicated and hosted by Leslie Segrete and Tom Kraeutler, Money Pit gives listeners advice and information on making home improvements, and solving home repair and maintenance troubles.

19. Into Tomorrow with Dave Graveline (Saturdays, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Nationally syndicated "Into Tomorrow" covers the latest in consumer electronics and technology. The program, hosted by Dave Graveline, is a dynamic blend of listener interaction and insightful and informative guests speaking on a variety of topics related to technology.

20. Sunday Morning Music (Sundays, 6:00 am – 7:00 am)

There's nothing better to start a Sunday Morning than light, reflective music. Paul Michels hosts.

21. Carolina Newsmakers (Sundays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally produced, public affairs, programming highlighting local and state newsmakers discussing various topics. Hosted by Don Curtis.

22. Editors Roundtable (Sundays, 8:00 am – 8:30 am)

Hosted by Don Curtis, this locally produced program reviews various stories in the news. Don is joined by Jason Kong, David Stuckey and Brian Freeman who comment on the stories presented.

23. Living in the Light with Anne Graham Lotz (Sundays, 8:30 am – 9:00 am)

Anne Graham Lotz is an American Christian evangelist and the second daughter of evangelist Billy Graham and his wife Ruth Graham. In this weekly 30-minute program, Anne allows listeners to get to know God personally, intimately...as His friend - living in the light of His Word.

24. People in Politics (Sundays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am until February 16, 2014 Sunday's, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm after February 16, 2014)

A locally produced, public affairs, program that centers on what's happening in state government political circles. Hosted by Donna Martinez.

25. Religious Programming: (Sundays, 10:00 am - 12 noon)

WPTF broadcasts the Sunday morning worship services of Duke Chapel, 10 am and Edenton Street United Methodist Church and White Memorial Presbyterian Church on alternate Sundays at 11 am.

26. Triangle Trader (Sundays, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.)

Host "Trader Dave" Alexander takes calls from listeners, who are allowed to announce items they have for sale.

27. The Wine Crush (Sundays, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

The Wine Crush is a one hour dynamic, fast-paced lifestyle program that not only explains and demystifies the world of wine, but demonstrates how wine can be integrated with everyday life. Host Laura Lawson is a veteran in the wine business who manages to couple her vast wine knowledge with her unique sense of humor and tactful sarcasm.

28. For Your Ears Only (Sundays, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

For Your Ears Only (formerly Newsweek on Air) is a weekly radio program highlighting various items in the news. Anchored by David M. Alpern and Isaac Davy Aronson.

29. Money Matters (Sundays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

The hosts are Doug and Linda Lewis, certified financial planners, who answer questions about the economy, and personal finance. They deal with issues of 401K and other employer retirement plans, IRAs, Roth IRA's, etc. They discuss the markets, national, regional, and local financial news and the impact a story may have on the economy.

30. 60 Minutes

(Sundays, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

This nationally known television news show highlights news maker interviews and investigative reports along with celebrity guest interviews and commentary. 60 Minutes is presented live to listeners even when the television version is delayed.

31. That Cancer Show

(Sundays, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Cornucopia Cancer Support Center presents a forum for conversations about the cancer journey. The host-guest call-in show, called That Cancer Show™, provides the Triangle community an opportunity to ask questions and talk about their personal experiences with cancer.

32. Hall of Fame

(Sundays, 9:00 pm – 1:00 am)

Curtis Media's founder, Don Curtis, takes listeners down a trip on Memory Lane with the hit songs of the past and the inside story about artists and the tunes.

33. NASCAR and NASCAR Live**(Schedule varies)**

Sprint Cup NASCAR races from the Motor Racing Network and the Performance Racing Network are heard on selected Saturdays and Sundays and each Tuesday evening at 7 pm NASCAR fans hear the latest news on upcoming races and events in the world of racing on NASCAR live from the Motor Racing Network.

**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO RALEIGH-DURHAM
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**

CODE ISSUE

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EH	Environment/Health	RE	Religion
GA	Government Affairs	SO	Social Media
GR	Growth/Transportation/Roads	SP	Sports/Games/Races

WPTF news segments and interviews air as one-minute-thirty second to three-minute packages that air at various times during the day, within WPTF news hours.

AC-Arts & Culture

APRIL 1 – LIVE MUSIC, THRILLING ACROBATICS, DANCE NUMBERS AND CRIMINALLY LIMBER PERFORMERS CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING ... CIRQUE DU SOLEIL (SERK-DE-SO-LAY) IS BACK IN TOWN. JOSH ZACH SAT DOWN WITH DANCER MELENA ROUNIS (ROO-NISS) TO TALK ABOUT MICHAEL JACKSON THE IMMORTAL WORLD TOUR -- WHICH IS AT PNC ARENA ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY. AC

APRIL 2 – WITH THE MISS NORTH CAROLINA PAGEANT SET FOR JUNE, CONTESTNANTS FROM AROUND THE TRINAGLE ARE GETTING READY AND REPRESENTING THEIR COMMUNITIES. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH MISS JOHNSTON COUNTY KINSLEY LEONARD. AC

APRIL 3 – THIS WEEKS (WEDNESDAYS) IN THE PARK FEATURE TAKES US TO A PARK THAT STILL HAS SOME GROWING TO DO -- HERE'S BRUCE FERRELL. AC

APRIL 3 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-WALT WOLFRAM, WILLAM C. FRIDAY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AT NCSU ON HIS NEW BOOK "TALKIN' TARHEEL: VOICES OF NORTH CAROLINA" - AC

APRIL 4 – PEOPLE ARE THIRSTY FOR A BOOMING DOWNTOWN... WEDNESDAY NIGHT, PLANNERS ASKED THEM TO WRITE THEIR IDEAS DOWN... THE GOAL IS TO DO WHAT THE CITY DID ON FAYETTEVILLE STREET TO ALL OF DOWNTOWN RALEIGH BY ADDING MORE THINGS TO DO LIKE RESTAURANTS, SHOPPING, AND MORE PLACES TO LIVE. DEEP SOUTH ENTERTAINMENT'S DAVE ROSE WAS IN ATTENDANCE AND HE TALKED TO WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON ABOUT WHAT THE WORK GROUP HE WAS IN THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE. AC

APRIL 7 – MICKEY ROONEY, THE PINT-SIZE, PRECOCIOUS ACTOR AND ALL-AROUND TALENT WHOSE MORE THAN 80-YEAR CAREER SPANNED SILENT COMEDIES, SHAKESPEARE, JUDY GARLAND MUSICALS, ANDY HARDY STARDOM, TELEVISION AND THE BROADWAY THEATER, DIED SUNDAY AT AGE 93. CBS'S OMAR VILLAFRANCA TAKES A LOOK AT HIS LIFE AND CAREER. AC

APRIL 10 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW- FRANK JOLLY RAGSDALE ON "THE CIVIL WAR COMES TO RALEIGH-1865"-AC

APRIL 11 – THIS EDITION OF OUR FRIDAY'S WITH FAYE, BRUCE FERRELL TALKS WITH FAYE MITCHELL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES ABOUT SOME OF OUR EASTERN EVENTS. AC

APRIL 11 – THINKING OF HEADING TO THE MOVIE THEATERS THIS WEEKEND? KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM GIVES BRIAN FREEMAN HIS REVIEW OF THE LATEST BOX OFFICE RELEASES. AC

APRIL 14 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JOE NEWBERRY ON SOME NORTH CAROLINA MUSIC ,PAST AND PRESENT- AC

APRIL 14 – MUHAMMAD ALI WAS A LEGENDARY CHAMPION IN THE RING, CHARISMATIC AND PASSIONATE. OUTSIDE OF THE RING ALI WAS POLITICAL, SPIRITUAL, AND A TARGET FOR THOSE WHO LABELED HIM A CRIMINAL. TO THIS DAY, ALI'S LIFE REMAINS INSPIRATIONAL AS MUCH AS IT WAS CONTROVERSIAL, AND A NEW DOCUMENTARY DEBUTING TONIGHT ON PBS INDEPENDENT LENS EXPLORES WHEN THESE TWO WORLDS COLLIDE. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH OSCAR-NOMINATED DIRECTOR BILL SEIGEL ABOUT HIS LATEST FILM, THE TRIALS OF MUHAMMAD ALI. AC

APRIL 15 – THE AWARD-WINNING RALEIGH DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET WILL KICK OFF ITS FIFTH SEASON LATER THIS MONTH AT CITY PLAZA ON FAYETTEVILLE STREET. BRANDON DICKSON SPOKE WITH LACIE LINSTAEDT (LIN-STED)- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP WITH THE DOWNTOWN RALEIGH ALLIANCE- TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE FARMERS MARKET. AC

APRIL 15 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. STEPHEN REYNOLDS, NCSU PHYSICS PROFESSOR ON THINGS ASTRONOMICAL- AC

APRIL 16 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DOUG AND AUSTIN MATTOX ON STAMPS AND COINS- AC

APRIL 16 – IF YOU'RE A FAN OF THE FORD MUSTANG, THEN CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY IS THE PLACE TO BE THIS WEEK. STARTING WEDNESDAY (TOMORROW/TODAY) FORD AND THE MUSTANG CLUB OF AMERICA WILL HOLD A FIVE-DAY CELEBRATION OF THE ICONIC CAR ... JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH JIM OWENS - MANUFACTURING EXECUTIVE MANAGER FOR MUSTANG -- TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT'S EXPECTED TO BE THE LARGEST MULTI-DAY MUSTANG CELEBRATION IN HISTORY. AC

APRIL 18 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-STEPHEN KEARNEY WITH A POTPOURRI OF MOVIE TRIVIA- AC

APRIL 22 – IT MAY JUST BE THE START OF SPRING, BUT IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING OF SUMMER AND THE DELICIOUS FOODS AND FLAVORS THAT COME TO MIND WHEN IT'S GRILLING TIME. TO GET PREPARED FOR PRIME GRILLING SEASON, RAY "DR. BBQ" LAMPE TALK TO OUR BRIAN FREEMAN. AC

APRIL 25 – IT'S TIME FOR OUR WEEKLY VISIT WITH FAYE MITCHELL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES TO HELP PLAN YOUR WEEKEND. HERE'S BRUCE FERRELL. AC

MAY 2 – THIS YEAR'S BAND TOGETHER CONCERT TO BENEFIT COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF WAKE AND DURHAM COUNTIES IS GOING TO BE HELD AT WALNUT CREEK TOMORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT WITH ROCK-

N-ROLL HALL OF FAMERS HALL AND OATES HEADLINING. THE SHOW WILL ALSO FEATURE SPECIAL GUESTS ROBERT RANDOLPH & THE FAMILY BAND. PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH GUITARIST ROBERT RANDOLPH ABOUT THE SHOW AND HIS CAREER. AC

MAY 2 – THINKING OF HEADING TO THE MOVIES THIS WEEKEND? BRIAN FREEMAN DISCUSSES THE SEQUEL TO THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN WITH KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM. AC

MAY 2 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-POTPOURRI MOVIE TRIVIA WITH STEVE KEARNEY- AC

MAY 8 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-ALENA GRAEDON ON HER NEW NOVEL "THE WORD EXCHANGE"- AC

MAY 9 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-FRIDAY NIGHT TRIVIA- AC

MAY 15 – JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT OPENED TUESDAY NIGHT AT DPAC AND BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED TO THE TWO STARS OF THE PERFORMANCE, BOTH FORMER AMERICAN IDOL CONTESTANTS, ACE YOUNG AND DIANA DEGARMO.AC

MAY 15 – DWAYNE BALLEEN IS A NAME AND FACE MOST OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH AS A FORMER LOCAL SPORTS ANCHOR. HE'S ALSO WORKED WITH CBS SPORTS, FOX AND THE ESPN NETWORKS. HIS BOOK JOURNEY WITH JULIAN HAS DRAWN PRAISE FOR IT'S PORTRAYAL OF FAMILY LIFE WITH BALLEEN'S OLDEST SON WHO HAS AUTISM ON MAY 20TH THE ANCHOR TURNED ACTIVIST WILL DELIVER THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE 2014 NATIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD INCLUSION INSTITUTE. IN AN EXCLUSIVE 4 PART INTERVIEW BALLEEN SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. AC

MAY 15 – WHAMMY -- A NAME THAT IS A BIG PART OF OUR STATE'S HISTORY FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS... WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS WITH HISTORIAN WARREN BINGHAM ABOUT WHO AND WHAT IS 'WHAMMY'... IT'S PART OF TODAY'S CAROLINA COLOR SEGMENT. AC

MAY 20 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RUSS GARWOOD OF CAPITAL COMICS ON COMICS-INSPIRED MOVIES- AC

MAY 21 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-KEN HOWARD -DIRECTOR OF N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY ON CURRENT PROGRAMS AT THE MUSEM- AC

MAY 22 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-MILITARY HISTORIAN DR. JOE CADDELL ON "THE LONG FUSE" TO WORLD WAR I - AC

MAY 23 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-FRIDAY NIGHT TRIVIA- AC

JUNE 6 – EVER BEEN TO A POLO MATCH? IT'S CLASSY AND EXCITING ON ALL LEVELS AND YOUR CHANCE TO CATCH "A MATCH" HAPPENS THIS SUNDAY. BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT MORE FROM ANGELA HAMPTON WITH GUIDING LIGHTS CAREGIVER SUPPORT NETWORK. AC

JUNE 9 – HE'S OLD ENOUGH TO BE A MEMBER OF THE AARD. DONALD DUCK CELEBRATES HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY TODAY. THE SAILOR SUIT-WEARING MALLARD, WHOSE FULL NAME IS DONALD FAUNTLEROY DUCK, FIRST APPEARED ON SCREEN ON THIS DATE IN 1934 IN THE ANIMATED SHORT "THE WISE LITTLE HEN." HIS PERFORMANCE IN THE 1942 FILM "DER FUEHRER'S FACE," IN WHICH HE DREAMS HE IS AN OPPRESSED PRODUCTION LINE WORKER IN NAZI GERMANY, WON HIM AN ACADEMY AWARD--A TRUE A FEATHER IN HIS CAP. AC

JUNE 11 – THE WEEKEND YOU CAN LITERALLY STEP BACK IN TIME AND ENJOY THE SIGHTS ARE YOU CRUISE ALONG THE COUNTRYSIDE ON THE NEW HOPE VALLEY RAILROAD. TRAIN ENTHUSIAST BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS TRAINS WITH BOB CROWLEY, LONGTIME VOLUNTEER AND CURATOR OF HISTORY FOR THE NC RAILWAY MUSEUM, LOCATED AT THE NEW HOPE VALLEY RAIL YARD. AC

JUNE 12 – EMILY DAHL MCLOUGHLIN, MARKETING DIRECTOR FOR DPAC, HAS A SCARY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR US. SHE TELLS BRIAN FREEMAN ABOUT A GOTHIC, SUPERNATURAL MUSICAL COMING THIS FALL. AC

CD - Crime/Drugs

APRIL 1 – SENTENCING CONTINUED FOR A PAIR OF BROTHERS WHO WERE ACCUSED IN SEVERAL ROBBERIES IN RALEIGH'S HISTORIC OAKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD FROM DECEMBER 2012 THROUGH JANUARY 2013. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE FROM THE COURTROOM. CD

APRIL 1 – THE LATEST NUMBERS ARE OUT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATHS, AND ADVOCATES SAY MORE HELP IS NEEDED TO BUILD AWARENESS AND HELP THOSE IN CRISIS SITUATIONS. HERE'S BRUCE FERRELL. CD

APRIL 2 – JASON YOUNG, THE MAN CONVICTED OF KILLING HIS WIFE MICHELLE, WILL GET A NEW TRIAL IN WAKE COUNTY. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE. CD

APRIL 3 – NEW DEVELOPMENTS MEAN THAT JONATHAN RICHARDSON WILL BE SHACKLED IN COURT FOR THE CLOSING ARGUMENTS DURING THE SENTENCING PHASE OF HIS MURDER TRIAL. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS DETAILS. CD

APRIL 7 – WE ARE IN THE FINAL STRETCH OF TAX SEASON, AND THE IRS IS SPREADING THE WORD THAT SCAMMERS ARE OUT THERE, WAITING FOR LAST MINUTE FILERS, AND THEY'RE COMING AT US FROM ALL ANGLES. THE IRS CALLS THE MOST NOTORIOUS TAX SCAMS THE DIRTY DOZEN. JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE LIST WITH IRS SPOKESMAN MARK HANSEN, AND THEY BEGAN WITH A SCAM THAT'S GARNERED NATIONAL ATTENTION IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. CD

APRIL 11 – FIVE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN A KIDNAPPING THAT ENDED WITH AN ELITE FBI TEAM RESCUING THE VICTIM AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN ATLANTA. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE ON THE INVESTIGATION. CD

APRIL 14 – THE NORTH CAROLINA WILL HEAR FOUR IMPORTANT CASES TODAY ALL DEALING WITH THE RACIAL JUSTICE ACT. FOUR DEATH ROW INMATES TRYING TO PROVE THAT THEIR SENTENCES WERE RACIALLY MOTIVATED. WTVD TV'S KELLI O'HARA REPORTS. CD

APRIL 15 – TODAY MARKS THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING, AND A NEW BOOK BY TWO BOSTON GLOBE JOURNALISTS CHRONICLES THE ATTACK AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK THAT FOLLOWED. IN A WPTF IN-DEPTH CONVERSATION, JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH BOSTON GLOBE AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST JENNA RUSSELL -- COAUTHOR OF LONG MILE HOME -- TO DISCUSS BOSTON'S CITY-WIDE LOCKDOWN AND THE EPIC MANHUNT FOR THE SUSPECTS. CD

APRIL 16 – A FEDERAL JUDGE IN ATLANTA DENIED BOND TUESDAY FOR FIVE PEOPLE ACCUSED IN THE ABDUCTION OF FRANK JANSSEN, TAKEN FROM HIS WAKE FOREST, AND A PROSECUTOR SAID THE FBI IS STILL LOOKING FOR MORE SUSPECTS IN THE CASE. EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON WAGA-TV'S ANJELIQUE PROCTOR REPORTED FROM OUTSIDE THE HEARINGS IN DOWNTOWN ATLANTA . CD

APRIL 22 – A SEARCH WARRANT SHOWS THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS ASKED A JUDGE FOR PERMISSION TO SEARCH 15 ACCOUNTS ON THE SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITE INSTAGRAM AS AGENTS LOOK INTO THE SHARING OF NUDE PHOTOS OF WAKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE ON THIS STORY. CD

MAY 1 – DURHAM'S HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION SAYS THERE'S EVIDENCE OF RACIAL BIAS AND PROFILING AMONG DURHAM POLICE OFFICERS WHO MAKE TRAFFIC STOPS AND VEHICLE SEARCHES IN THE BULL CITY. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS DETAILS ON THE REPORT. CD

MAY 2 – STATE WILDLIFE OFFICIALS HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEAD BLACK BEAR FOUND LYING ON A BENCH ON THE BRICKYARD AT THE N.C. STATE CAMPUS.. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED TO NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE COMMISSION SPOKESMAN GEOFF CANTRELL. CD

MAY 2 – AS WE HELP GET YOU READY FOR THE WEEKEND -- FAYE MITCHELL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES HAS SOME IDEAS AND SHARES THEM WITH BRUCE FERRELL. CD

MAY 5 – UNC POLICE ARE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN SOMEONE WHO BROKE INTO EMPTY ROOMS AT THE CAROLINA INN OVER THE WEEKEND AND AUTHORITIES BELIEVE HE'S THE SAME GUY WHO FOLLOWED A STUDENT INTO A DORM. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

MAY 6 – POLICE SIRENS ALARMED A QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD IN MORRISVILLE ON MONDAY MORNING AFTER GUNSHOTS RANG OUT. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS THE DETAILS ON THE STORY. CD

MAY 7 – CRIME IN THE BULL CITY IS ON THE RISE DURHAM POLICE CHIEF JOSE LOPEZ PRESENTED A FIRST QUARTER OF 2014 REPORT ON MONDAY EVENING TO CITY COUNCIL. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS DETAILS ON THE REPORT. CD

MAY 15 – A DISAPPEARANCE THAT HAS KEPT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS GUESSING FOR OVER TWO YEAR CAME TO A RESOLUTION ON WEDNESDAY. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS DETAILS. CD

MAY 20 – 32-YEAR-OLD ARMOND DEVEGA HAS BEEN ON TRIAL FOR SEVEN WEEKS; ACCUSED OF KILLING TWO PEOPLE, AND INJURING ANOTHER IN A RALEIGH ROBBERY AND SHOOTING SPREE IN 2008. ON MONDAY, AFTER NEARLY A WEEK OF DELIBERATING, THE JURY CAME AWAY WITH A VERDICT. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE. CD

MAY 21 – NOBODY IS A FAN OF TRAFFIC, AND MOST OF US CAN THINK OF OUR LEAST FAVORITE ROADS FOR TRAVEL. BUT, WHERE ARE SOME OF THE WORST ROADS TO TRAVEL IN THE COUNTRY, AND DOES NORTH CAROLINA HAVE ANY ON THE LIST? BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH TARRAN VAILLANCOURT (TAIR-AN, VALLEN-COURT)- ADVENTURE TRAVEL EXPERT WITH EXPEDIA- TO GET THE ANSWERS. CD

MAY 27 – A MYSTERY FROM THE WEEKEND IS KEEPING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN DURHAM BUSY. A CAR CRASHING INTO A HOME HAS TURNED INTO A MURDER INVESTIGATION. WTPF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS THE DETAILS. CD

JUNE 2 – RALEIGH POLICE ARE ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP TO SOLVE A FATAL SHOOTING. POLICE SAY 26 YEAR OLD, VERNON JONES JR. WAS FOUND SHOT OUTSIDE CLUB BODY SUNDAY MORNING. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS THE STORY. CD

JUNE 2 – TODAY THE EPA IS SLATED TO RELEASE A PROPOSED RULE REGULATING CARBON EMISSIONS FROM EXISTING POWER PLANTS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH JONAS MONAST WITH THE NICOLAS INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY SOLUTIONS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY. CD

JUNE 9 – MORE THAN 40% OF INMATES IN NORTH CAROLINA MAXED OUT THEIR PRISON TERMS IN 2012 AND WERE SET FREE WITHOUT SUPERVISION ... NO PROBATION AND NO PAROLE OFFICER. THE DATA IS PART OF A NEW NATIONAL REPORT BY THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS, AND JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE FINDINGS WITH ADAM GELB, DIRECTOR OF PEW'S PUBLIC SAFETY PERFORMANCE PROJECT. CD

JUNE 10 – A BIZARRE KIDNAPPING MYSTERY IN WAKE COUNTY IS NOW OVER. POLICE SAY A MAN HELD A WOMAN FROM GERMANY IN A SECRET ROOM IN A ZEBULON WAREHOUSE FOR FIVE DAYS. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS MORE.. CD

JUNE 11 – A SMALL-TOWN MAN HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH ASSAULT BY STRANGULATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFTER HOLDING A GERMAN WOMAN AGAINST HER WILL. POLICE CHIEF TIM HAYWORTH WITH THE ZEBULON POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE ZEBULON MAN, ROBERT E. WHITESIDE WAS ARRESTED AT HIS HOME. HAYWORTH SAYS THE SUSPECT MET THE WOMAN ONLINE AND THAT SHE MAY HAVE COME TO THE UNITED STATES WILLINGLY. HE SAYS THESE TYPES OF CRIMES AREN'T VERY COMMON IN ZEBULON. CD

JUNE 24 – THE DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNDER THE MICROSCOPE IN RECENT MONTHS WITH SEVERAL CRITICISMS OF THE DEPARTMENT. POLICE CHIEF JOSE LOPEZ ANNOUNCED DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR THE OFFICER IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF JESUS HUERTA, WHILE IN POLICE CUSTODY. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE. CD

JUNE 30 – HEALTH OFFICIALS IN DURHAM COUNTY ARE TAKING AIM AT GUN SAFETY IN AN EFFORT TO CURB ACCIDENTAL SHOOTINGS. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH JONIE ROSS AT THE DURHAM COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO GET DETAILS ABOUT AN EVENT, MONDAY, TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND HAND OUT FREE GUN LOCKS. CD

CR- Civil Rights

EC - Economy/Employment

APRIL 1 – THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT REPORT FOR THE STATE HAS GOOD NEWS OR IS IT? BILL LUMAYE TALKED WITH DR. MIKE WALDEN, PROFESSOR ECONOMICS AT NC STATE, ABOUT JOB GROWTH AND WHAT THIS REPORT MIGHT MEAN FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S FUTURE. EC

APRIL 3 – DOZENS OF BUSINESS OWNERS PACKED A COUNCIL MEETING IN RALEIGH THIS WEEK TO SPEAK AGAINST THE CONTROVERSIAL MEASURE WHICH WOULD RESTRICT SIGNS IN STORE WINDOWS AND ON VEHICLES. BRIAN FREEMAN DISCUSSED WITH RALEIGH CHAMBER PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT TO GET THE CHAMBER'S VIEW ON THIS LOCAL ISSUE. EC

APRIL 4 – THERE ARE MYRIAD OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS. THE HOT TREND OF LATE IS FOR STARTUPS TO GET INTO AN INCUBATOR: A LOW-COST, COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP STARTUPS SUCCEED. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH TORSTEN KOLIND (COE-LYND) -- CEO OF YOUNOODLE, A DIFFERENT KIND OF ENTREPRENEUR CULTIVATOR ... ONE BASED ON COMPETITION ... TO DISCUSS INCUBATORS ... OF WHICH THERE ARE SEVERAL IN THE TRIANGLE: AMERICAN UNDERGROUND, DESIGN BOX AND HQ RALEIGH TO NAME A FEW, BUT SOME SAY THERE ARE ALREADY TOO MANY. EC

APRIL 4 – GM RECENTLY RECALLED 2.6 MILLION CARS DUE TO AN IGNITION SWITCH PROBLEM THAT HAS ALSO BEEN LINKED TO 13 DEATHS. DORIE CLARK ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY'S FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS TELLS WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN WITH THE HIRING OF SUPERLAWYER KEN FEINBERG, GM HAS MADE A SAVVY PR MOVE. EC

APRIL 4 – APRIL 15TH IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING, WHICH MEANS IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, YOU NEED TO FILE YOUR TAXES. BUT, THERE IS HELP OUT THERE FOR YOU THAT COSTS NOTHING. ANY HOUSEHOLDS EARNING \$58,000 OR LESS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FILING THROUGH MY FREE TAXES. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH LAURA SCHERLER- DIRECTOR OF INCOME CAPACITY BUILDING FOR UNITED WAY WORLDWIDE- TO FIND OUT WHAT MY FREE TAXES OFFERS. EC

APRIL 7 – THE ECONOMY HAS ADDED ALMOST 200,000 JOBS LAST MONHT, BUT AS JILL SCHLESSINGER, CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST TELLS BRIAN FREEMAN, THERE'S A DOWNSIDE. EC

APRIL 8 – THE MARKETS ARE HAVE BEEN WAVERING RECENTLY. WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT OUR ECONOMY? PATRICK JOHNSON ASKED BUSINESS ANALYST AUSTIN HILL WHAT'S GOING ON? EC

APRIL 9 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RHONDA GARRISON,AG-NEWS DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN FARM NETWORK,ON NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE- EC

APRIL 11 – THOUSANDS OF BANKERS IN EVERY STATE ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S TEACH CHILDREN TO SAVE PROGRAM TODAY. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH FRANK KEATING- FORMER GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA AND PRESIDENT AND CEO OF AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION- TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EVENT. EC

APRIL 14 – LAST WEEK'S MARKETS DROPPED SURPRISING A LOT OF PEOPLE PLUS STOCKS ARE MAKING SOME BIG RUN-UPS. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER FOR THE DETAILS. EC

APRIL 15 – GOOD ECONOMIC NEWS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH FOR RETAIL SAILS -- INCLUDING AN 18-MONTH HIGH FOR CAR SALES... PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH AUSTIN HILL FROM AUSTIN'S BIG WORLD OF SMALL BUSINESS ABOUT THE BEST NEWS WITH THIS GOOD NEWS. EC

APRIL 15 – MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE PLAYING BEAT THE CLOCK TODAY AS THE DEADLINE FOR FILING INCOME TAX RETURNS IS UPON US. MILLIONS OF OTHERS ARE WAITING FOR THEIR REFUNDS. BUT ALL FEDERAL TAXPAYERS SHARE ONE THING IN COMMON: WE'RE ALL HOPING WE DON'T DRAW THE SHORT STRAW WITH THE IRS AUDITORS. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. EC

APRIL 25 – THE THREE-WAY DEAL OF LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL GIANTS HAS EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WHILE A CONSTRUCTION JOB IN CARY HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES AND SOME BIG NAMES HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA WILL TEE OFF IN THE US OPEN. BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT MORE ABOUT THESE HOT TOPICS FROM AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL. EC

MAY 1 – SENATE REPUBLICANS WEDNESDAY BLOCKED DEMOCRAT'S ELECTION-YEAR MINIMUM WAGE BILL, REJECTING A PRIORITY OF PRESIDENT OBAMA. REPUBLICANS ARGUE RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE FROM \$7.25 AN HOUR TO \$10.10 AN HOUR WOULD BE TOO EXPENSIVE FOR EMPLOYERS AND KILLS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT BOB FUSS. EC

MAY 1 – TODAY IS A BIG EVENT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES TO EXHIBIT THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AT THE RALEIGH CHAMBER BUSINESS EXPO. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE DETAILS OF TODAY'S EVENT FROM CHAMBER PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT. EC

MAY 2 – IF YOU'VE GOT A SMARTPHONE, GETTING INTERNET SERVICES CAN BE EXPENSIVE, BUT ONE MAN IS LOOKING TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU USE THE SMARTPHONE TO SAVE MONEY AND REAL ESTATE FOR BUSINESSES IS COMING A COMEBACK. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL TO FIND OUT MORE. EC

MAY 2 – IN THIS TIME OF FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY, IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT AMERICANS KEEP EMOTIONS FROM DICTATING THEIR FINANCIAL FUTURE... MATTHEW SHAFER, AUTHOR OF "THE FUTURE OF YOUR WEALTH", SPEAKS WITH MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT AND EXPLAINS HOW TO HANDLE THE ROLLER COASTER WE HAVE BEEN ON. EC

MAY 5 – REACTION WAS STRONG TO THE IMPROVED JOBS REPORT ON FRIDAY, BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT THE JOB SEARCH? AND HOW DID THE STOCK MARKET REACT? BRIAN FREEMAN REVIEWS THE NUMBERS WITH CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

MAY 6 – HAVE YOU HEARD OF THIS? THE THUNDER SHIRT IS A SHIRT DESIGNED FOR DOGS TO COMFORT THEM DURING SEVERE WEATHER, AND THE COMPANY THAT MANUFACTURES IT IS BASED IN DURHAM. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED TO PHIL BLIZZARD- CEO AND FOUNDER OF THUNDER WORKS, WHO MAKES THE SHIRT- TO GET SOME TIPS ON HOW TO PREPARE YOUR DOG FOR THUNDERSTORMS, AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE THUNDER SHIRT. EC

MAY 12 – STRAWBERRY SEASON IS UNDERWAY IN NORTH CAROLINA AND EXPERTS ARE SAYING WE CAN EXPECT A SHORT BUT SWEET SEASON THIS YEAR. IN FACT, "THE STRAWBERRY DOC" DR. BARCLAY POLING- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STRAWBERRY ASSOCIATION- TELLS OUR BRANDON DICKSON THAT THIS SEASON COULD BE A HISTORIC ONE. EC

MAY 12 – BRICK AND MORTAR STORES ARE CONTINUING TO DROP OUT OF SIGHT WHILE THE ONLINE COMPETITION IS HEATING UP. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS MORE ABOUT CONSUMER SPENDING AND THE INTERNET MARKETPLACE FROM CBS BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER. EC

MAY 15 – THIS WEEK IS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK WHICH RECOGNIZES THE CRITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICA'S ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT FROM CHAMBER PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT WHAT THIS MEANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE TRIANGLE. EC

MAY 19 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. MIKE WALDEN OF NCSU COMMENTS ON THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY- EC

MAY 21 – THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAMBER HELD ITS ANNUAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS CONFERENCE IN RALEIGH ON TUESDAY IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH TO DISCUSS THE GROUP'S 2014 JOBS AGENDA. EARLIER, DON CURTIS TALKED WITH THE GROUP'S PRESIDENT LEW EBERT ABOUT WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN OUR STATE. EC

MAY 21 – THE WINDOW STICKER ON A NEW CAR SHOWS US THE MILES PER GALLON AND A FEW OTHER STATS TO HELP CAR SHOPPERS MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. THESE LABELS RECENTLY GOT A FEW TWEAKS FROM THE E.P.A., BUT A NEW PAPER FROM THE DUKE FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS IS SUGGESTING A BETTER WAY TO DISPLAY THAT INFORMATION. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH ADRIAN CAMILLERI - A COLLABORATOR ON THE STUDY -- TO FIND OUT MORE. EC

JUNE 2 – THE RECESSION IS OVER, SO HOW DOES OUR ECONOMY STAND? BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT FROM CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER. EC

JUNE 3 – QUINTILES IN RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE FORTUNE 500 LIST OF LARGEST U-S COMPANIES RANKED BY REVENUE. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED TO THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S JASON DEBRUYN TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE COMPANY, AND WHAT OTHER FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES ARE IN THE TRIANGLE AND NORTH CAROLINA. EC

JUNE 9 – FILMED IN RALEIGH -- AND NOW IN THEATERS -- IS A SPIRITED, MODERN DAY RETELLING OF THE CLASSIC BIBLICAL STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH THE JERRY MCGLOTHLIN, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF "A LONG WAY OFF," TO DISCUSS THE POLITICS OF MAKING A MOVIE. EC

JUNE 9 – MORE JOBS ARE COMING INTO R-T-P. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS DETAILS ON WHO IS HIRING. EC

JUNE 9 – MORE JOBS WERE CREATED LAST MONTH BUT THERE HAS BEEN A LACK OF WAGE INCREASES. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS MORE ABOUT OUR ECONOMY FROM CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER. EC

JUNE 10 – DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR CREDIT SCORE MAY BE IMPACTING YOUR AUTO INSURANCE PREMIUM? WALLETHUB IS OUT WITH A NEW STUDY ON THE CORRELATION AND BRANDON DICKSON TALKED TO ODYSSEAS PAPADIMITRIOU (OH-DEE-SEE-US, PAPA-DUH-ME-TREE-OH) TO FIND OUT MORE. EC

JUNE 12 – THE AREA IS VERY MUCH CENTERED ON THE PLAYERS AND THE ACTION AT THE U.S. OPEN AT PINEHURST #2, AND WITH A HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE VISITING THE AREA. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED ABOUT THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE OPEN WITH RALEIGH CHAMBER PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT. EC

JUNE 12 – LOSING A JOB IS HARD ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH, BUT WHEN YOU ALSO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A MORTGAGE, IT CAN BE DEVASTATING AND EVEN LEAD TO FORECLOSURES IN SOME SITUATIONS. TO HELP DISTRESSED BORROWERS FIND EMPLOYMENT, FIFTH THIRD BANK AND NEXT JOB HAVE PARTNERED TOGETHER. LARRY MAGNESEN- SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT WITH FIFTH THIRD BANK AND KRISTI WEIGANT (WHY-GANT)- CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER WITH NEXTJOB- TELL BRANDON DICKSON WHAT THEY ARE DOING. EC

JUNE 24 – RECENT PRICE HIKE IN COFFEE ARE DUE TO THE DROUGHT IN BRAZIL AND DISEASE IN CENTRAL AMERICA. CBS' MICHELLE MILLER REPORTS. EC

JUNE 30 – WE WERE IN AN ECONOMIC SLUMP FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, BUT THERE'S HOPE! ECONOMISTS EXPECTING THE JOBS MARKET TO PICK UP AGAIN. PLUS, BRIAN FREEMAN ASKS CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION. EC

JUNE 30 – WHILE MUCH OF THE ATTENTION ON ECONOMIC GROWTH IS FOCUSES IN AREAS SUCH THE TRIANGLE, THE TRIAD AND CHARLOTTE, OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE ARE WORKING HARD TO GET THEIR SHARE AS WELL. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH GREENVILLE MAYOR ALLEN THOMAS. EC

ED- Education/PSA/Science

APRIL 3 – THE NEW KIDS COUNT POLICY REPORT BY THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION SHOWS THAT NO GROUP OF CHILDREN IS REACHING KEY MILESTONES FOR SUCCESS. THAT IS ESPECIALLY EVIDENT AMONG CHILDREN OF COLOR. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH PATRICK MCCARTHY- PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION- TO FIND WHAT 12 INDICATORS WERE USED TO GATHER THE INFORMATION FOR THE REPORT. ED

APRIL 11 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY IS OFFERING A WAY FOR THE STATE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO PUT MORE MONEY INTO JOB CREATING PROGRAMS ON THEIR CAMPUSES -- HE TALKED ABOUT IT WITH BILL LUMAYE ON OUR SISTER STATION TALKRADIO 850. ED

APRIL 14 – WAKE TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE WILL HOLD A CEREMONIAL GROUND BREAKING TUESDAY FOR AN EXPANSION FOR ITS NORTHERN CAMPUS .. WE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE REASONS BEHIND THE EXPANSION AS BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH SCHOOL PRESIDENT DR. STEPHEN SCOTT. ED

APRIL 22 – OVER SIX-HUNDRED (600) TEACHERS HAVE LEFT WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. WITH REACTION TO THIS NEWS, PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH CASH MICHEALS FROM 'THE CAROLINIAN.'. ED

MAY 2 – ASSIGNING STUDENTS TO A SPECIFIC PUBLIC SCHOOL IS A CUMBERSOME TASK FOR MOST DISTRICTS, ESPECIALLY THE LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE ON THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR FUTURE ASSIGNMENTS. ED

MAY 12 – WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF BALANCING ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS? ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, DON CURTIS ASKED THAT QUESTION OF UNC SYSTEM PRESIDENT TOM ROSS INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF THE KNIGHT COMMISSION. ED

MAY 15 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY GAVE HIS BUDGET PROPOSAL YESTERDAY WHICH INCLUDED PAY RAISES FOR ALL NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC TEACHERS AND ALMOST ALL STATE EMPLOYEES. MCCRORY ALSO WANTS TO GIVE TEACHERS WITH AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS OF EXPERIENCE RAISES RANGING FROM 2 TO 4.3 PERCENT. BILL LUMAYE TALKED WITH SENATE LEADER PHIL BERGER ON THE BUDGET ESPECIALLY ABOUT THESE LONG AWAITED PAY RAISES FOR TEACHERS. ED

MAY 20 – IN HER FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE HER DISMISSAL FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES, FORMER EXECUTIVE EDITOR JILL ABRAMSON COMPARED HERSELF TO A NEW COLLEGE GRADUATE. SHE SPOKE TO GRADUATES AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY MONDAY. ED

MAY 27 – ON WAKE TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE -- A ONE YEAR OLD EFFORT ALLOWS BUSINESSES TO SET UP CUSTOMIZED TRAINING. JAMIE GLASS IS ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR CORPORATE SOLUTIONS TALKED TO OUR BRUCE FERRELL. ED

MAY 27 – GETTING YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE IS A RIGHT OF PASSAGE FOR TEENAGERS. ALMOST EVERYBODY DOES IT. BUT ONE UNC STUDENT HAS A LICENSE THAT'S A LITTLE LESS COMMON, AND HE'S STILL WORKING ON REACHING NEW HEIGHTS. ANDY ROSEN HAS THIS REPORT FROM FROM CAROLINA CONNECTION, THE STUDENT NEWSCAST FROM THE UNC SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION. ED

JUNE 2 – A NEW "WILD ANIMAL SCIENCE CAMP" TO BE OFFERED TO RISING 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH-GRADERS AND COLLEGE FRESHMEN IN AUGUST AT THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND ANYWHERE, ACCORDING TO ZOO OFFICIALS. DR JAYNE PARKER IS DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION EDUCATION WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO SOCIETY. SHE SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. ED

JUNE 3 – THE TEACHER SALARY TOPIC DOESN'T SEEM TO BE LEAVING THE MAINSTREAM DISCUSSION ANYTIME SOON. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE TELLS US WAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WERE HOLDING THAT DISCUSSION ON MONDAY. ED

JUNE 9 – LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MOVE NORTH CAROLINA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AWAY FROM COMMON CORE ACADEMIC STANDARDS IS MOVING THROUGH BOTH CHAMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. KRISTEN STEPHENS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF THE PRACTICE WITH DUKE UNIVERSITY'S PROGRAM IN EDUCATION.SAY THE DECISION TO REPLACE THE COMMON CORE IS ILL-ADVISED. SHE TELLS WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN THERE IS ONE ASPECT OF COMMON CORE THAN CAN BE ALTERED WITH OUT SCRAPPING THE WHOLE THING ... TESTING. ED

JUNE 10 – CLAIMS MADE BY FORMER U-N-C BASKETBALL PLAYER RASHAD MCCANTS ON FRIDAY HAVE ROCKED TOBACCO ROAD. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH ESPN THAT WILL AIR TODAY (MONDAY) ON OUTSIDE THE LINES -- TAR HEEL BASKETBALL COACH ROYWILLIAMS SAID HE WAS IN "SHOCK" AND "DISBELIEF" AFTER FORMER PLAYER RASHAD MCCANTS TOLD THE NETWORK THAT TUTORS WROTE HIS TERM PAPERS, HE RARELY WENT TO CLASS AND THAT HE TOOK BOGUS CLASSES DESIGNED TO KEEP ATHLETES ACADEMICALLY ELIGIBLE. THE NEWS AND OBSERVER FIRST REPORTED SIMILAR ACCUSATIONS IN LATE 2012. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED ABOUT THE LATEST TWIST IN THIS SAGA WITH THE N-AND-O'S DAN KANE. ED

JUNE 12 – A LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RULED TUESDAY THAT CALIFORNIA'S TEACHER TENURE LAWS AND OTHER JOB PROTECTIONS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IN PART 1 OF THEIR CONVERSATION WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH JACOB VIGDOR PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AND ECONOMICS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY ON TEACHER TENURE. ED

JUNE 23 – A FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTOR HIRED TO INVESTIGATE ACADEMIC IRREGULARITIES INVOLVING ATHLETES AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL PROVIDED AN UPDATE TO THE UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS FRIDAY. KEN WAINSTEIN WAS HIRED IN FEBRUARY TO DETERMINE THE FACTS AROUND THE CREATION OF "PAPER CLASSES" IN THE AFRICAN AND AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR USE BY STUDENT ATHLETES. HE TALKED ABOUT THE TIMELINE FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND THE PROCESS TO THIS POINT. ED

JUNE 30 – EDUCATORS FROM EVERY STATE -- NEARLY 9,000 IN ALL -- ARE IN DENVER THIS WEEK FOR THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING. RODNEY ELLIS, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS, IS AMONG THE CONTINGENT; HE SPOKE WITH JOSH ZACH ABOUT SOME OF THE TOPICS BEING ADDRESSED. ED

EH - Environment/Health

APRIL 1 – THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CONFIRMED A TORNADO HIT TWO WAKE COUNTY TOWNS OVER THE WEEKEND. A TORNADO WITH WINDS OF 80 MPH TOUCHED DOWN IN WILLOW SPRING JUST BEFORE 9PM SATURDAY AND IN GARNER SHORTLY AFTER 9 O'CLOCK. THE STORM CAUSED SOME ROOF AND WINDOW DAMAGE, BUT NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH METEOROLOGIST NICK PETRO WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN RALEIGH. EH

APRIL 2 – A UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC PANEL SAYS GLOBAL WARMING IS DRIVING HUMANITY TOWARD A WHOLE NEW LEVEL OF RISKS .THE STUDY BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE ALSO WARNS THAT THE WILD CLIMATE RIDE HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN. FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT THE REPORT FROM A POLICY STANDPOINT WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH TIM PROFETA DIRECTOR OF THE NICOLAS INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY SOLUTIONS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY. EH

APRIL 2 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-NICK PETRO OF NOAA'S NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CONTINUES OUR DISCUSSION ON DEALING WITH SEVERE SPRINGTIME WEATHER- EH

APRIL 3 – A UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC PANEL SAYS GLOBAL WARMING IS DRIVING HUMANITY TOWARD A WHOLE NEW LEVEL OF RISKS .FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT THE REPORT FROM A POLICY STANDPOINT WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN CONTINUES HIS CONVERSATION WITH TIM PROFETA DIRECTOR OF THE NICOLAS INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY SOLUTIONS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY. EH

APRIL 3 – THIS PAST WEEKEND TWO TORNADOES WERE CONFIRMED TO HAVE TOUCHED GROUND IN WAKE COUNTY WHICH REMINDS US THAT TORNADO SEASON'S PERIOD OF PEAK ACTIVITY HAS STARTED. NICK PETRO, WARNING COORDINATION METEOROLOGIST WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, SAT DOWN WITH TOM KEARNEY TO DISCUSS WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN A WARNING AND A WATCH AND WHAT TO DO DURING AN EMERGENCY WEATHER SITUATION. EH

APRIL 7 – DUKE ENERGY CANNOT HAVE A BLANKET ORDER KEEPING ITS COAL ASH RECORDS OUT OF THE HANDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS THAT ARE SUING IT OVER WATER POLLUTION VIOLATIONS, A WAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RULED FRIDAY. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE ON WHAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS MEAN. EH

APRIL 8 – YESTERDAY'S WET WEATHER BROUGHT COOLER TEMPERATURES TO THE AREA PLUS A TORNADO IN THE EAST OF THE STATE. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH ACCUWEATHER'S COURTNEY SPAYMER TO FIND OUT MORE AND WHEN OUR DAYS ARE WARMING UP AGAIN. EH

APRIL 15 – NORTH CAROLINA HAS RECEIVED A NATIONAL CLEAN AIR AWARD FOR AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM AIMED AT IMPROVING AIR QUALITY AT THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING THE PAST 18 YEARS. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH TOM MATHER- SPOKESMAN FOR THE STATE DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY- TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE AWARD AND HOW THE TAR HEEL STATE WAS ABLE TO GET THE NATIONAL RECOGNITION. EH

APRIL 16 – JUST WHEN WE GETTING USED TO SPRING WEATHER, WINTER RETURNS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE FORECAST FROM ACCUWEATHER'S BILL DAGAR. EH

APRIL 22 – THIS YEAR'S EARTH DAY CELEBRATION HAS AN EMPHASIS ON GREENER CITIES. CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT PETER KING TALKS ABOUT PROGRESS MADE IN MAKING CITIES "GREENER "ON THIS EARTH DAY WITH KEYA CHATTERJEE, SENIOR DIRECTOR, RENEWABLE ENERGY AT THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND. EH

APRIL 29 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-METEOROLOGIST ROD GONSKI "TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER"- EH

APRIL 30 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-SPECIAL WEATHER PROGRAMMING-OPEN PHONES- EH

MAY 27 – A BOY SCOUT IS ALWAYS PREPARED, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE -- OR HAVE BEEN -- A SCOUT IN ORDER TO PREPARE YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER. YOU JUST HAVE TO BE SMART! THIS WEEK IS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK AND JOSH ZACH TALKS WITH AMANDA GRANDY AT BRIGGS & STRATTON ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND THE THREAT OF PROLONGED POWER LOSS. EH

JUNE 3 – THIS WEEK (JUNE 2-6) MARKS THE SECOND ANNUAL RESTORATION WEEK. BRANDON DICKSON SPOKE WITH ROB BRUMBAUGH- SENIOR SCIENTIST AT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY- TO FIND OUT WHAT RESTORATION WEEK IS, AND WHAT PROJECTS ARE UNDERWAY. EH

JUNE 3 – IN A SWEEPING INITIATIVE TO CURB POLLUTANTS BLAMED FOR GLOBAL WARMING, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION UNVEILED A PLAN MONDAY THAT AIMS AT CUT POWER PLANT CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS NEARLY ONE THIRD BY 2030. JOSH ZACH REPORTS ON NORTH CAROLINA'S POWER PLANT PLUMES. EH

JUNE 6 – THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAS PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS TO REMOVE COAL-POWERED ELECTRICITY FROM THE NATION'S ENERGY MIX. SOMETHING THAT COULD LEAD TO HIGHER ELECTRICITY PRICES FOR CONSUMERS. BRANDON DICKSON SPOKE WITH HAL QUINN- PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NATIONAL MINING ASSOCIATION- TO FIND OUT IF BLACKOUTS COULD BE AN ISSUE WITH THE NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARD THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED. EH

JUNE 10 – ENVIRONMENTAL AND WILDLIFE OFFICIALS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH DUKE ENERGY FOR THE CLEANUP OF TOXIC COAL ASH FROM THE DAN RIVER, WHICH FLOWS THROUGH THE TWO STATES. THE AGREEMENT SIGNED MONDAY REQUIRES DUKE TO PAY ANY COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE FEB. 2 SPILL AT ITS POWER PLANT NEAR EDEN, WHICH COATED 70 MILES OF THE RIVER IN GRAY SLUDGE. THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE IS ALSO A PARTY TO THE DEAL. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH DUKE ENERGY SPOKESMAN DAVID SCANZONI. EH

JUNE 11 – A FORUM IS COMING UP TO DISCUSS AN ISSUE THAT WE DON'T OFTEN THINK ABOUT: CLEAN WATER. KAREN RINDGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR WAKE-UP WAKE COUNTY, DISCUSSES WITH BILL LUMAYE THE UPCOMING FORUM AND WHAT IS BEING DONE TO KEEP OUR AREA'S DRINKING WATER CLEAN. EH

JUNE 24 – THE US SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY LACKS AUTHORITY, IN SOME CASES, TO FORCE COMPANIES TO EVALUATE WAYS OF REDUCING CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS. TIM PROFETA DIRECTOR OF THE NICHOLAS INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY SOLUTIONS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. EH

GA – Government Affairs

APRIL 2 – JIM HARTMANN BEGINS HIS TIME AS THE NEWS WAKE COUNTY MANAGER ON APRIL 14. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON SPOKE RECENTLY WITH MR. HARTMANN. PATRICK ASKED HIM ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION -- SPECIFICALLY LIGHT RAIL. GA

APRIL 14 – HARVARD'S INSTITUTE OF POLITICS STUDENTS RELEASED A REPORT LAST WEEK WITH A LOOK AT THE FEDERAL BUDGET THE CHALLENGES AMERICANS FACE WITH TAXES AND THE SPENDING POLICY. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD TO GET HIS INSIGHT. GA

APRIL 23 – GOVERNOR MCCRORY RECENTLY STATED HE'LL PROPOSE NEW LEGISLATION AIMED AT STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT OF COAL ASH DUMPS FOLLOWING THE MASSIVE SPILL AT A DUKE ENERGY PLANT THAT COATED 70 MILES OF THE DAN RIVER IN TOXIC SLUDGE. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH JOHN RUNKLE AN ATTORNEY WITH NC WARN. GA

APRIL 23 – AS A STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE STUDYING DRONES AND OTHER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT HOLDS ITS FINAL PUBLIC MEETING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURER OLAERIS AND THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) OF NORTH CAROLINA ARE TOGETHER URGING THE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MOVE QUICKLY TO PASS LEGISLATION TO REGULATE DRONES IN NORTH CAROLINA. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH SARA PRESTON WITH THE ACLU OF NC. GA

MAY 1 – LAWMAKERS WILL RETURN THIS MONTH (MAY) FOR THE SHORT SESSION, PRIMARILY TO MAKE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS. ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, DON CURTIS TALKED TO RAN COBLE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE STATE COFFERS. GA

MAY 7 – NORTH CAROLINA OFFERS THE FILM INDUSTRY A TAX BREAK TO BRING PRODUCTION TO THE STATE, BUT THAT LEGISLATION IS SET TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE YEAR. EXTENDING THOSE INCENTIVES HAS

DRAWN DEBATE IN RECENT MONTHS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH ED MARTIN OF BUSINESS NC MAGAZINE. GA

MAY 15 – THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENED FOR BUSINESS WEDNESDAY AND HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS OUTLINED HIS OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING SESSION IN A MEETING WITH REPORTING THIS MORNING. GA

MAY 20 – WHILE PROTESTORS MARCHED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ANOTHER GROUP IS LEADING THE CHARGE TO GIVE CREDIT FOR SOME OF THE DECISIONS MADE BY LAWMAKERS. DONNA MARTINEZ TALKED WITH DALLAS WOODHOUSE WITH THE NEWLY FORMED CAROLINA RISING. GA

JUNE 2 – ON FRIDAY ERIC SHINSEKI STEPPED DOWN AS VA SECRETARY, TWO DAYS AFTER AGENCY INVESTIGATORS REPORTED WIDESPREAD PROBLEMS IN THE VA HOSPITAL SYSTEM. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN GOT REACTION FROM CBS NEWS MILITARY ANALYST MIKE LYONS. GA

JUNE 11 – THE STATE HOUSE IS OUT WITH ITS OWN \$21.1 BILLION DOLLAR SPENDING PLAN AND ITS DIFFERS WITH THE SENATE VERSION WHEN IT COMES TO TEACHER PAY -- INCLUDING A RAISE FOR K-12 CLASSROOM TEACHERS, THAT DOES NOT MAKE TEACHERS GIVE UP SOME JOB PROTECTIONS. REP. BRYAN HOLLOWAY EXPLAINED THAT PART OF THE PROPOSAL TO REPORTERS. GA

JUNE 23 – THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS IS WRAPPING UP TODAY IN DALLAS.. AMONG THOSE TAKING PART IS CHAPEL HILL MAYOR MARK KLEINSCHMIDT WHO SPOKE WITH BRUCE FERRELL ON ISSUES SUCH AS HOW CITIES AND TOWNS CAN HELP VETERANS RETURNING FROM THE BATTLEFIELD AND THE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS OVER RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE. GA

JUNE 24 – WITH ONLY A WEEK TO GO UNTIL THE START OF A NEW STATE BUDGET YEAR, WE'RE STILL AWAITING A DEAL BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND SENATE. GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY SPOKE TO REPORTERS MONDAY ABOUT CONTINGENCY PLANS IF THE DEAL IS NOT DONE AND THE STATUS OF GETTING THE SPENDING PLAN HAMMERED OUT. GA

GR - Growth/Transportation/Roads

APRIL 7 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-THOMAS OWEN OF TAO AUTO TAKES CAR REPAIR QUESTIONS AS THE "NIGHT-TIME" MECHANIC- GR

APRIL 25 – NEW RESEARCH SHOWS LOUD CONVERSATIONS AND HORSEPLAY BETWEEN PASSENGERS APPEAR MORE LIKELY TO RESULT IN A DANGEROUS INCIDENT WHEN AN ADOLESCENT DRIVER IS BEHIND THE WHEEL. 43 STATES CURRENTLY RESTRICT NEWLY LICENSED DRIVERS FROM HAVING MORE THAN ONE YOUNG PASSENGER IN THEIR VEHICLE...IN PART TWO OF A FOUR PART SERIES WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH ROBERT FOSS... SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST AT THE UNC HIGHWAY SAFETY RESEARCH CENTER AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF YOUNG DRIVERS. GR

MAY 20 – SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO FLY, SOME PEOPLE DON'T. BUT NOBODY WILL SAY THEY "LIKE" GOING THROUGH THE SECURITY CHECKPOINT. LONG LINES, TAKING OFF THEIR SHOES, REMOVING THE LAPTOP ... IT'S A TEDIOUS ROUTINE. BUT WHAT IF WASN'T? SARI KOSHETZ (SARE-EE KOE-SHETS) IS A SPOKESPERSON WITH THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION; SHE TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT QUALIFIED TRAVELERS CAN CUT THE LINE AND ... KEEP THE SHOES. GR

JUNE 6 – HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WANT A PUBLIX GROCERY STORE BUILT IN NORTH RALEIGH VOICED THEIR ANGER AND FRUSTRATION LAST NIGHT. A DEVELOPER WANTS TO BUILD THE STORE AT FALLS OF THE NEUSE AND DUNN ROADS BUT NO ONE WANTS THAT EXTRA TRAFFIC. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE GIVES US A REVIEW OF THE MEETING. GR

JUNE 6 – LET'S BE HONEST, NONE OF US LIKE TRAFFIC. IT TAKES UP OUR TIME AND WASTES GAS, NOT TO MENTION IT ADDS STRESS TO OUR DAY. SO, WHAT CAN WE DO TO AVOID OR LIMIT OUR TIME SPENT IN TRAFFIC? BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT FROM NICK COHN (CONE)- TOM TOM HEAD OF GLOBAL RESEARCH. GR

JUNE 23 – THERE'S ONGOING TALK OF ALLOWING LONGER TRACTOR TRAILERS ON THE NATION'S MAJOR HIGHWAYS -- AND THE RECENT ACCIDENT INVOLVING COMEDIAN TRACY MORGAN, CAUSED BY A DRIVER WHO WAS SPEEDING AND HAD SPENT TOO MANY HOURS BEHIND THE WHEEL, HAS RENEWED DEBATE

OVER RULES REGARDING THE DRIVERS OF BIG RIGS. BRUCE FERRELL DISCUSSES THOSE TOPICS WITH TOM CROSBY FROM TRIPLE A CAROLINAS. GR

HO – Housing

APRIL 14 – HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO INSURE YOUR HOME? THAT'S THE SUBJECT OF A HEARING THIS SUMMER. DON CURTIS FOUND OUT MORE FROM STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER WAYNE GOODWIN ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. HO

JUNE 6 – STUDENT LOANS...DEBT...THE REASONS FOR NOT PURCHASING A HOUSE CAN VARY. BUT, WHAT ARE SOME OTHER ISSUES FACING POTENTIAL HOMEBUYERS THAT ARE KEEPING THEM FROM MAKING THAT BIG PURCHASE? BRANDON DICKSON FINDS OUT FROM BOB KUCAB (KOO-CAB)- DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY. HO

HSM – Health, Safety and Medical Affairs

APRIL 1 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JOE GRAEDON OF THE PEOPLES PHARMACY TALKS ABOUT NATURAL REMEDIES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS- HSM

APRIL 2 – SALES OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES ARE ON FIRE, AT NEARLY \$2 BILLION A YEAR, BUT THEY'RE NOT REGULATED BY THE FDA. CBS NEWS CONTRIBUTOR DR. DAVID AGUS, OF THE WESTSIDE CANCER CENTER, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, TALKS ABOUT THE DEVICE'S MARKETING CLAIMS. HSM

APRIL 2 – A STUDY BY DUKE RESEARCHERS -- PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL RADIOLOGY -- TAKES A LOOK AT A NEW COMBINATION OF TESTS THAT COULD MORE ACCURATELY PREDICT ALZHEIMER'S IN PATIENTS WITH MILD COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT. IN PART THREE OF OUR WEEK-LONG LOOK AT THE STORY, WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKS WITH DR. JEFFREY PETRELLA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RADIOLOGY AT DUKE MEDICINE, ABOUT DETECTING ALZHEIMER'S BEFORE PATIENTS EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS. HSM

APRIL 3 – FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN RURAL AREAS OF NORTH CAROLINA, THERE'S A SHORTAGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS. BUT, ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT BY THE NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH, THERE'S A SOLUTION. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH MEBANE RASH- DIRECTOR OF LAW AND POLICY FOR THE POLICY CENTER- TO FIND OUT HOW MANY COUNTIES DON'T HAVE A PSYCHIATRIST AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. HSM

APRIL 4 – NEARLY 26 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE WITH IT, INCLUDING 9.3 PERCENT OF NORTH CAROLINIANS...DIABETES. BUT, THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION IS FIGHTING BACK WITH ITS 2014 TOUR DE CURE. BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT ABOUT THE BIKE RIDE FROM CHRIS CARMICHAEL- NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON WITH THE TOUR DE CURE. HSM

APRIL 4 – WHAT THINGS SHOULD YOU TELL YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR HEART HEALTH OR CHOLESTEROL? BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT FROM DR. ELIOT BRINTON- SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRST AND GOAL CHOLESTEROL EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. HSM

APRIL 8 – DIABETES IS A LEADING CAUSE OF BLINDNESS, KIDNEY DISEASE, AND AMPUTATION IN THE U.S., AND IT AFFECTS MILITARY VETERANS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH TIMOTHY O'LEARY -- THE ACTING R&D DIRECTOR WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS -- WHO CALLS TYPE TWO DIABETES A SILENT EPIDEMIC AMONG RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY. HSM

APRIL 11 – AROUND THE WORLD, A CHILD DIES EVERY 20 SECONDS FROM A VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE, AND ONE IN FIVE CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING VACCINES. TO ADDRESS THIS NEED, THE U-N FOUNDATION HAS LAUNCHED ITS SHOT AT LIFE CAMPAIGN. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH ILINA EWEN (EE-LEAN-UH, YOU-WIN)- A SHOT AT LIFE CHAMPION FROM RALEIGH- TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM. HSM

APRIL 14 – KAREEM ABDUL JABBAR, THE NBA'S ALL-TIME LEADING SCORER, IS PARTICIPATING IN A NEW SERIES OF NBA "GAME DAY" EVENTS DESIGNED TO BRING AWARENESS TO CHRONIC MYELOID (MY-LOID) LEUKEMIA, A CONDITION HE SUFFERS FROM. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH KAREEM TO FIND OUT WHEN

HE WAS DIAGNOSED, AND WHERE THESE EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE, INCLUDING ONE IN NORTH CAROLINA. HSM

APRIL 15 – THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAID -- AS OF APRIL 1ST -- SEVEN MILLION AMERICANS SIGNED UP FOR HEALTH COVERAGE THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT EXCHANGES. BUT WHAT ARE THEY ACTUALLY GETTING IN TERMS OF CHANGES IN CARE? JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH ADAM SEARING -- DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH ACCESS COALITION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE CENTER -- WHO DISCUSSES PREVENTIVE CARE THAT NORTH CAROLINIANS CAN NOW ACCESS WITHOUT COST BECAUSE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. HSM

APRIL 16 – ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SEVEN MILLION AMERICANS SIGNED UP FOR HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH ADAM SEARING -- DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH ACCESS COALITION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE CENTER -- WHO SAYS MILLIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY, CAN NOW ACCESS PREVENTATIVE SERVICES WITHOUT COST BECAUSE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. HSM

APRIL 16 – A NEW STUDY SHOWS THAT DOMESTIC ABUSE IS CLOSELY LINKED TO POSTPARTUM MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, INCLUDING DEPRESSION AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD), IN MOTHERS. THE RESEARCH ALSO FOUND THAT SPECIFIC TYPES OF ABUSE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIFIC MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. THE WORK WAS DONE BY RESEARCHERS AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH DR. SARAH DESMARAIS (DAY-MUR-RAY) AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AT NC STATE AND LEAD AUTHOR OF A PAPER ON THE WORK. HSM

APRIL 22 – THE TRIANGLE HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST CONCENTRATIONS OF GAMING COMPANIES IN THE U.S., AND THIS WEEK THESE COMPANIES -- AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE -- WILL CONVERGE ON DOWNTOWN RALEIGH FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL EAST COAST GAME CONFERENCE. ONE GAME COMPANY, NINTENDO, SAID EARLIER THIS YEAR IT WILL ENTER THE MEDICAL FIELD. JOSH ZACH ASKED CONFERENCE CO-DIRECTOR TROY KNIGHT WHAT GAMING HAS IN COMMON WITH MEDICINE. HSM

APRIL 23 – MEMBERS OF A STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGREE POCKETS OF THE STATE WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO GROCERY STORES ARE A PROBLEM. BUT LEADERS OF THE PANEL SAID YESTERDAY THERE ARE LIMITS TO WHAT THEY CAN DO TO ELIMINATE THE AREAS CALLED FOOD DESERTS. BRUCE FERRELL GOT SOME PERSPECTIVE FROM PAM SEAMANS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH. HSM

MAY 5 – MELANOMA, THE RAREST FORM OF SKIN CANCER, AFFECTS ABOUT 76,000 AMERICANS EACH YEAR AND IS THE ONLY SKIN CANCER THAT CAN SPREAD TO OTHER ORGANS. THIS IS WHY HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE DEADLY DISEASE DURING MAY, WHICH IS MELANOMA AWARENESS MONTH. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. SANJIV AGARWALA (SON-JEEV AGAR-WALL-UH)- MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST AND MELANOMA EXPERT- TO FIND OUT HOW MANY AMERICANS HAVE HAD OR WILL HAVE SKIN CANCER WITHIN THEIR LIFETIME. HSM

MAY 7 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW- PHARMACIST OUITA DAVIS GATTON PACKS OUR SUMMER MEDICINE KIT- HSM

MAY 7 – MAY IS MELANOMA AWARENESS MONTH, A TIME TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE RAREST FORM OF SKIN CANCER AND THE ONLY SKIN CANCER THAT CAN SPREAD TO OTHER ORGANS. DURING THIS MONTH, HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE ALSO GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT A NEW INVESTIGATIONAL DRUG CALLED P-V-10 THAT COULD BE A FUTURE TREATMENT FOR THE DEADLY DISEASE. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. SANJIV AGARWALA (SON-JEEV; AGAR-WALL-UH)- MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST AND MELANOMA EXPERT- TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT P-V-10. HSM

MAY 12 – TREATING ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER WITH STIMULANT MEDICATION MAY REDUCE SMOKING RISK, ESPECIALLY WHEN MEDICATION IS TAKEN CONSISTENTLY. JOSH ZACH TAKES AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE ANALYSIS WITH DR. ERIN SCHOENFELDER (SHANE-FELDER) AT DUKE MEDICINE'S DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES. HSM

MAY 20 – DIABETES CONTINUES TO BE A GROWING PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY IN NORTH CAROLINA AND ESPECIALLY AMONG MINORITIES. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DEBBIE ALLEN- EMMY AWARD WINNING ACTRESS AND CHOREOGRAPHER AND DR. RICHARD AGUILAR (AG-YOU-LAR)- MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF DIABETES NATION- TO FIND OUT HOW PREVALENT DIABETES IS. HSM

MAY 21 – WHILE DEALING WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN SOMETIMES RAISE ONE'S BLOOD PRESSURE, THERE'S AN AWARENESS EFFORT WEDNESDAY AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING TO CALL AWARENESS TO THE DANGERS OF HYPERTENSION FOR ALL OF USE. APEX PHYSICIAN DR. BRYAN FORREST WILL BE AMONG THOSE PROVIDING FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS FOR LAWMAKERS, STAFF AND VISITORS. HE TALKED WITH BRUCE FERRELL. HSM

MAY 21 – SWIMMING IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SUMMER ACTIVITIES, BUT IT CAN ALSO BE ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS. WITH THAT IN MIND, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS JUST RELEASED A SURVEY ON SWIMMING SAFETY. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH CONNIE HARVEY- WITH THE RED CROSS- TO FIND OUT WHAT THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY. HSM

MAY 27 – ON APRIL 24TH, THE U-S FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ISSUED A PROPOSED RULE THAT WOULD EXTEND ITS AUTHORITY, GRANTED NEARLY FIVE YEARS AGO UNDER THE FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT. THE AGENCY IS NOW PROPOSING TO REGULATE ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS SUCH AS E-CIGARETTES, CIGARS, AND HOOKAHS AMONG OTHERS. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED TO MITCH ZELLER- DIRECTOR OF THE FDA'S CENTER FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS- TO FIND OUT HOW THIS PROPOSED REGULATION WILL IMPACT CONSUMERS. HSM

MAY 27 – A BOY SCOUT IS ALWAYS PREPARED, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE -- OR HAVE BEEN -- A SCOUT IN ORDER TO PREPARE YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER. YOU JUST HAVE TO BE SMART! THIS WEEK IS HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK AND JOSH ZACH TALKS WITH AMANDA GRANDY AT BRIGGS & STRATTON ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND THE THREAT OF PROLONGED POWER LOSS. HSM

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JUNE 2 – TOMORROW MARKS THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY CAROLINA KIDS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT AT UNC FINLEY GOLF COURSE. THIS YEAR WILL CONTINUE THE QUARTER-CENTURY PLUS TRADITION OF HELPING CHILDREN, WITH PROCEEDS BENEFITING N.C. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF CHAPEL HILL. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH CRYSTAL HINSON MILLER IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S PROMISE. HSM

JUNE 3 – MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES REMAIN THE NUMBER ONE KILLER OF TEENS, AND IN HALF OF THE FATALITIES, THE TEEN WAS NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT. TO HELP REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TEENS KILLED IN CARS, SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF 1,000 TEEN PASSENGERS AND DRIVERS TO FIND OUT WHY THEY'RE WEARING SEAT BELTS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR BEHAVIOR IN CARS. JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE FINDINGS WITH KATE CARR, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE. HSM

JUNE 6 – IN RESPONSE TO THE WIDENING SCANDAL OVER WAIT TIMES FOR VETERANS SEEKING MEDICAL CARE WITHIN THE VA SYSTEM, NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR SENATOR REPUBLICAN RICHARD BURR HAS PROPOSED ALLOWING VETS TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE ELSEWHERE. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE SPOKE WITH 2ND DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CONGRESSWOMAN RENEE ELLMERS TO GET HER PERSPECTIVE ON THE PROPOSAL. HSM

JUNE 12 – SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR, YOU GET TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY GIVING BLOOD AND TODAY IS YOUR CHANCE, ONCE AGAIN. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM JIM VOGEL WITH THE APEX BLOOD DRIVE. HSM

JUNE 23 – ALONG WITH THE SUNSHINE AND WARM WEATHER, THE SUMMER USUALLY BRINGS A HOST OF ALLERGY TRIGGERS. ANAPHYLAXIS, A LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIC REACTION, CAN BE CAUSED BY A VARIETY OF THESE TRIGGERS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON HAD A CONVERSATION WITH DR. MARTHA WHITE OF THE INSTITUTE FOR ASTHMA AND ALLERGY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ANAPHYLAXIS, ITS COMMON TRIGGERS, AND THE BEST WAYS TO AVOID IT. HSM

JUNE 24 – ADMINISTRATORS AND FAMILIES FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE CONVERGING ON OUR NATION'S CAPITOL TODAY AND TOMORROW (JUNE 24TH AND 25TH) FOR SPEAK NOW FOR KIDS FAMILY ADVOCACY DAY. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH JIM KAUFMAN- VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC POLICY WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION- TO FIND OUT MORE. HSM

JUNE 24 – IF YOU'VE VISITED A DOCTOR RECENTLY, YOU KNOW THAT MANY PRACTICES ARE CONVERTING TO DIGITAL RECORDS. THAT MEANS A LOT OF EXPENSE, NOT TO MENTION HOURS AND HOUSE OF WORK FOR A DOCTOR'S STAFF. BUT THE CONVERSION TO DIGITAL ALSO GIVES US PATIENTS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS OUR RECORDS AND CORRECT MISTAKES THAT COULD PUT OUR HEALTH AT RISK. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

JUNE 30 – DURHAM COUNTY IS ONE OF SIX COUNTIES NATIONALLY TO RECEIVE THE \$25,000 ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON'S FOUNDATION CULTURE OF HEALTH PRIZE. IN THE SECOND PART OF OUR TWO PART SERIES, BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH ABBY COSKIE- SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER AT THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION- AND GAYLE HARRIS- THE DIRECTOR OF THE DURHAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT- TO FIND OUT WHAT DURHAM COUNTY IS DOING TO TRANSFORM THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH. HSM

HO - Housing

IA- International Affairs

NS - National Security

APRIL 23 – THE PENTAGON IS DISPATCHING TROOPS TO BEGIN A SERIES OF EXERCISES IN EASTERN EUROPE STARTING IN POLAND. CBS MILITARY CONSULTANT JEFF MCCAUSLAND TELLS BRIAN FREEMAN THAT THESE TROOPS ARE MEAN TO BE SIGNALING TO RUSSIA TO KEEP ITS HANDS OFF OTHER COUNTRIES. NS

MAY 1 – U.S. AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK AND FARMERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE RENEWING EFFORTS TO COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM. THE STORY FROM SFN TODAY'S RHONDA GARRISON. NS

JUNE 3 – THE DEAL THAT WON THE RELEASE OF U.S. ARMY SGT. BOWE BERGDAHL AFTER FIVE YEARS IN THE HANDS OF THE TALIBAN HAS COME UNDER CRITICISM BY LAWMAKERS AND LEADERS ABROAD. REPUBLICANS ARE SAYING THE AGREEMENT TO RELEASE FIVE TERRORIST SUSPECTS FROM GUANTANAMO BAY IN EXCHANGE FOR BERGDAHL COULD SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT, AND PUT OTHER AMERICANS AT RISK OF BEING SEIZED AS BARGAINING CHIPS. THIS IS ONE OF THE TOPICS ABOUT THE TRANSACTION THAT WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON DISCUSSED WITH MILITARY AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN JOHN GRESHAM. NS

JUNE 23 – THOUSANDS OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN ARE FLEEING POVERTY AND VIOLENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA TO CROSS ALONE INTO THE UNITED STATES. BILL LUMAYE LEARNS FROM GENEVIEVE WOOD, SENIOR CONTRIBUTOR FOR THE DAILY SIGNAL AND A MEMBER OF THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, ON WHY THESE KIDS ARE MAKING THIS DANGEROUS TREK ALONE AND WHAT'S BEING DONE ABOUT THEM. NS

JUNE 30 – PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR MORE THAN TWO BILLION DOLLARS TO COMBAT THE SURGE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FLOODING THE SOUTH TEXAS BORDER. DEMOCRATIC TEXAS CONGRESSMAN HENRY CUELLAR TELLS CBS NEWS' GAUTHIER GIACOMONI THE ADDITIONAL FUND WOULD BE A GOOD START. NS

PA – Political Affairs

APRIL 8 – THREE CANDIDATES ARE RUNNING IN THE MAY 6TH PRIMARY FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE NC SUPREME COURT. VOTERS WILL CHOOSE ONLY ONE JUSTICE AT THE POLLS, WITH THE TOP TWO VOTE GETTERS GOING ON TO BALLOTING IN NOVEMBER. DONNA MARTINEZ RECENTLY SPOKE WITH INCUMBENT JUSTICE ROBIN HUDSON ABOUT HER REASONS FOR RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION. PA

APRIL 8 – JEANETTE DORAN IS ONE OF THREE CANDIDATES ON THE MAY 6TH PRIMARY BALLOT SEEKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO RUN IN THE FALL FOR A SEAT ON THE NC SUPREME COURT. VOTERS GET TO CHOOSE ONE JUSTICE, AND THE TOP TWO GO TO BALLOTING IN NOVEMBER. DORAN TELLS DONNA MARTINEZ WHY HER QUALIFICATIONS SHOULD AFFORD HER A SEAT ON THE STATES HIGHEST COURT. PA

APRIL 8 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RAN COBLE AND PAIGE WORSHAM OF THE N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH COMMENT ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS- PA

APRIL 16 – POLITICAL CONSULTANT DOUG RAYMOND WENT ON WITH WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TO TALK ABOUT TOM TILLIS PULLING OUT OF A G-O-P T-V DEBATE AND CLAY AIKEN FOR NOT ADVERTISING IN HIS BID FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT 2 CONGRESSIONAL SEAT...THEY START WITH PATRICK ASKING DOUG IF TILLIS SKIPPING OUT ON THE DEBATE IS A GOOD IDEA? PA

APRIL 22 – OUR SERIES OF REPORTS ON THE CANDIDATES SEEKING THE REPUBLICAN SENATE NOMINATION CONTINUES WITH A LOOK AT GREG BRANNON. HERE'S BRUCE FERRELL. PA

APRIL 25 – EARLY VOTING HAS GOTTEN UNDERWAY AHEAD OF THE MAY PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE NASTY POLITICAL ADS ARE ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE AND LARGER IN NUMBER... POLITICAL ANALYST FARUK (FAH-ROOK) OKCETIN (OCK-SEH-TIN) TALKS ABOUT THESE COMMERCIALS WITH PATRICK JOHNSON. PA

MAY 2 – WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION COMING UP NEXT WEEK, THE LATEST ELON POLL CONDUCTED LAST WEEKEND SHOWS ONE CANDIDATE IN THE GOP SENATE RACE HAS MANAGED TO BUILD SOME NAME RECOGNITION ...POLL DIRECTOR KENNETH FERNANDEZ TALKED TO BRUCE FERRELL. PA

MAY 5 – THE ELECTION DAY IN THE PRIMARY WHICH IS DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE FIELD TO THE TWO CANDIDATES FOR NOVEMBER'S GENERAL ELECTION IS TOMORROW. ONE RACE THAT JUST STARTED GETTING A LOT OF ATTENTION IN TV ADS IS THE NC SUPREME COURT RACE. BILL LUMAYE TALKED WITH BOB NUMBERS, AN ATTORNEY, ON WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS RACE FROM THE SENATE RACE AND WHO THE CANDIDATES ARE. PA

MAY 5 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RAN COBLE OF N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS- PA

MAY 6 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-EVALUATING TUESDAY'S PRIMARY-LISTENERS AND GUESTS DR.STEVEN GREENE OF NCSU AND RAN COBLE OF N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLCY RESEARCH- PA

MAY 6 – TONIGHT -- CASH MICHAELS WITH 'THE CAROLINIAN' WILL BE AMONG THOSE CONTRIBUTING TO WPTF'S PRIMARY ELECTION NIGHT COVERAGE -- ANCHORED BY DONNA MARTINEZ -- AND HEARD HERE FROM 7-9 P.M... WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS WITH CASH ABOUT SOME OF THE KEY RACES IN PLAY. PA

MAY 7 – YESTERDAY'S PRIMARY RACES RESULTS ARE IN, ALL EXCEPT FOR ONE WHICH IS GETTING NATIONAL ATTENTION. BRIAN FREEMAN DISCUSSES WITH WPTF'S SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISOR DONNA MARTINEZ ON THE WINNERS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE SURPRISING RUN WHICH IS TOO CLOSE TO CALL, FOR NOW. PA

MAY 12 – THE U.S. SENATE VOTED LAST WEEK TO TAKE UP AN ENERGY BILL THAT SUPPORTERS SEE AS A NEXT STEP TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE THAT, LAST MONTH, THE PRESIDENT DELAYED INDEFINITELY. JOSH ZACH TALKED ABOUT THE PROPOSED CANADA-U.S. PIPELINE AND THE POLITICAL INFLUENCES AT PLAY WITH CINDY SCHIELD AT THE AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE. PA

MAY 12 – THIS PAST SUNDAY ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, N.C. STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ANDY TAYLOR PROVIDED AN INSTANT ANALYSIS OF TUESDAY'S ELECTION WITH DON CURTIS. HERE'S A SEGMENT OF THEIR DISCUSSION. PA

JUNE 30 – FOLLOWING THE TEA PARTY'S LOSSES LAST WEEK, BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS ABOUT THE PARTY'S FUTURE WITH WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD. PA

APRIL 7 – “CHUCK” STONE, JR., A FORMER UNC CHAPEL HILL JOURNALISM PROFESSOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS, DIED ON SUNDAY MORNING. NABJ CURRENT PRESIDENT AND CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT BOB BUTLER TALKS TO GAYLE HURD ABOUT CHUCK STONE'S PASSING AND THE IMPACT OF THE ORGANIZATION HE STARTED SOME 40 YEARS AGO. RE

APRIL 8 – DURING THE GREAT RECESSION, MANY OF US WERE AFRAID OF LOSING OUR JOBS. BUT NOW THAT THE JOB MARKET HAS BEGUN TO STABILIZE, WE MAY FIND OURSELVES REVERTING BACK TO A VERY COMMON JOB WORRY THAT RESEARCHERS CALL THE "IMPOSTER SYNDROME." BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. RE

APRIL 15 – AN EXCITING DAY IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH TOOK A SAD TURN ON SUNDAY. TWO PEOPLE DIED AT THE ROCK 'N' ROLL MARATHON, ALTHOUGH NOT MUCH INFORMATION HAS BEEN RELEASED. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS MORE ON THE STORY. RE

APRIL 17 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-PAM BECK GARDENING WRITER-ON RELIGIOUS SYMBOLISM OF EASTER SEASON PLANTS- RE

MAY 1 – TODAY IS THE 63RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "ONE VOICE, UNITED IN PRAYER." BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ, DAUGHTER OF EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM AND THE CAMPAIGN'S 2014 HONORARY CHAIRWOMAN ABOUT TODAY THE MEANING OF TODAY AND SPECIAL EVENTS. RE

MAY 5 – THE UNITED WAY OF THE GREATER TRIANGLE HAS ISSUED A BOUNTY ON HUNGER ... JOSH ZACH TALKED WITH THE UNITED WAY'S CHRIST PFITZER TO GET THE DETAILS ON A PUBLIC CONTEST -- JUST ANNOUNCED -- THAT'S AIMED AT REDUCING CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN OUR AREA. RE

MAY 6 – WHAT ARE THE BEST AND WORST PLACES TO RETIRE? AND, WHERE DOES NORTH CAROLINA RANK? BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT FROM CHRIS KAHN- BANKRATE-DOT-COM'S RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL ANALYST. RE

MAY 6 – BEING THE BOSS COMES WITH MORE MONEY AND PERKS, BUT A NEW STUDY FROM UNC CHAPEL HILL SHOWS THAT BOSSES ARE THE RODNEY DANGERFIELDS OF THE WORK WORLD - THEY JUST DON'T GET ANY RESPECT. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. RE

MAY 7 – MOTHER'S DAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, AND MANY AMERICANS ARE EXPERIENCING GIFT ANXIETY ... JOSH ZACH TALKED WITH TRAE (TREY) BODGE AT RETAIL ME NOT DOT COM TO TALK ABOUT THEIR NEW POLL OF SHOPPERS; HOW THEY PLAN TO SHOW MOM THEIR APPRECIATION ... AND ... WHAT OUR MOM'S EXPECT OF US THIS YEAR . RE

MAY 7 – THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN HAVE HAD THEIR WISHES COME TRUE THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION AND MANY TIMES, AS YOU'LL HEAR, YOU CAN DO YOUR PART AND NOT EVEN DONATE A SINGLE DIME. BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP FROM KEN BAROFF, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR MAKE-A-WISH EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. RE

MAY 15 – A NEW SURVEY BY PEW RESEARCH IS GENERATING DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW WE RAISE CHILDREN AND THE ROLE MOM AND DAD PLAY IN THE HOME, AND AT WORK. BUT THE DATA IS ALSO MAKING SOME FOLKS UNCOMFORTABLE. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ, HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. RE

MAY 21 – TODAY, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WILL UNITE WITH DECORATED MEMBERS OF OUR MILITARY TO DEDICATE CARY'S VETERANS FREEDOM PARK. DOUG MCRAINEY PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR WITH THE TOWN OF CARY SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. RE

MAY 27 – MEMORIAL DAY WAS A DAY OFF FOR MORAL MONDAY. BUT LAWMAKERS RETURN TO RALEIGH SO DO PROTESTORS. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS MORE. RE

JUNE 10 – SOME OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD ARE ATHLETES. BUT WHILE MOST OF US WILL NEVER KNOW THE FEELING OF ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT COMES WITH WINNING A GOLD MEDAL, PASSING A RIVAL IN TURN FOUR, OR SINKING A PUTT TO WIN THE U.S. OPEN, WE CAN DRAW ON THE TRAITS OF THESE WINNERS TO HELP US IN OUR OWN LIVES. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ HAVE OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. RE

JUNE 23 – THE UNITED WAY OF THE GREATER TRIANGLE IS ONE OF THE MANY LOCAL CHAPTERS WHO JOINED FORCES WITH VOLUNTEERS ON FRIDAY FOR THE UNITED WAY'S ANNUAL DAY OF ACTION CAMPAIGN TO INSPIRE AND ENGAGE PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH MATT KUNTZ, CEO OF THE UNITED WAY OF THE GREATER TRIANGLE, TO LEARN WHAT THEY'RE WORKING ON LOCALLY IN THE TRIANGLE. RE

SO – Social Media

APRIL 2 – FOR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES LIKE FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM, NORMALLY YOU'D PICK THE BEST OF YOUR PHOTOS TO UPLOAD, BUT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL BY HIRING SOMEONE TO TAKE THE BEST PHOTOS FOR THEIR TWEETS AND FACEBOOK POSTS. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN ABOUT THE LATEST CRAZE IN SOCIAL MEDIA. SO

APRIL 8 – THE TRIANGLE IS HOME TO ONE OF THE LARGEST CONCENTRATIONS OF GAME DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES IN THE U.S., SO IT'S A VIRTUAL NO-BRAINER THAT RALEIGH -- FOR THE 6TH YEAR -- WILL SERVE AS HOST CITY FOR THE INDUSTRY'S ANNUAL EAST COAST GAME CONFERENCE. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH TROY KNIGHT, CO-DIRECTOR OF THE CONFERENCE, TO DISCUSS HOW RALEIGH AND RTP EMERGED AS VIDEO GAME CAPITOL. SO

APRIL 16 – WE'VE ALL HAD CUSTOMER SERVICE PROBLEMS AND GOTTEN STUCK ON THE PHONE FOR FOR WHAT SEEMS HOURS. BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT FROM TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN HOW TO GET FASTER CUSTOMER SERVICE WITHOUT EVER PICKING UP A PHONE. SO

APRIL 23 – THE TRIANGLE IS HOME TO ONE OF THE LARGEST CONCENTRATIONS OF GAME DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES IN THE U.S. AND -- TODAY AND TOMORROW -- THE RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER WILL BE THE SITE OF THE EAST COAST GAME CONFERENCE, THE LARGEST GATHERING OF VIDEO GAME PROFESSIONALS ON THE EAST COAST. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH TROY KNIGHT, CO-DIRECTOR OF THE CONFERENCE, TO DISCUSS WHO'S COMING AND WHAT'S BEING SHOWCASED. SO

APRIL 23 – THE HEARTBLEED BUG IS A MAJOR CONCERN FOR USERS OF THE POPULAR OPENSLL SOFTWARE. THE BUG ALLOWS ANYONE ON THE INTERNET TO HACK INTO PERSONAL ACCOUNTS AND STEAL VALUABLE INFORMATION. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN ON WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. SO

JUNE 11 – THE SUMMER WEATHER RAISES OUTSIDE TEMPERATURES AND LOWERS INSIDE THERMOSTATS, BUT NOT EVERYONE CAN AGREE ON THE RIGHT SETTING. TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN DISCUSSES WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ABOUT THE SMART THERMOSTAT THAT IS GETTING ATTENTION FROM ONLINE GIANTS. SO

SP – Sports/Games/Races

APRIL 23 – WE WATCH PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES DO INCREDIBLE THINGS WITH THEIR BODIES. AND SOME OF THEM GET HURT ... BUT MANY TIMES WE SEE THEM BOUNCE BACK WITHOUT MUCH EFFORT. BUT WHAT IF A REGULAR JOE -- DOING A NOT-SO-INCREDIBLE THING -- SUFFERED A SIMILAR INJURY? WOULD THE RECOVERY BE JUST AS EFFORTLESS? JOSH ZACH TALKS SPORTS INJURIES IN NON-ATHLETES WITH ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON, DR. MARK GALLAND, TEAM PHYSICIAN FOR THE CAROLINA MUDCATS. SP

MAY 5 – A-C-C SPORTS DOT-COM'S HAYES PERMAR TALKS ABOUT THE DONALD STERLING CONTROVERSY AND THE NORTH CAROLINA SPORTS HALL OF FAME WITH WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON... PATRICK ASKED HAYES ABOUT DURHAM NATIVE RODNEY ROGERS WHO HEADLINES THIS YEAR'S CLASS. SP

APRIL 28 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW- BUZ MCKIM OF THE NASCAR HALL OF FAME ON THE HISTORY OF NASCAR- SP

MAY 1 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DON FISH OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SPORTS HALL OF FAME ON THE UPCOMING INDUCTION OF THE HALL'S 2014 CLASS- SP

MAY 20 – THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL ALONG WITH THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AND THE ALE ARE COMBINING EFFORTS FOR ON THE ROAD, ON THE WATER, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE. THE EFFORT KICKS OFF AS THE N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION JOINS THE NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL TO PROMOTE NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK . WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH GEOFF CANTRELL

WITH THE NC WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR SOME SIMPLE STEPS HELP ENSURE SAFETY ON THE WATER. SP

MAY 21 – THE BUGS ARE BACK .. THE CHARLOTTE HORNETS WERE REINTRODUCED THEMSELVES TO THE CAROLINAS -- ONE YEAR AFTER OWNER MICHAEL JORDAN PLEDGED TO RETURN THE TEAM LOGO .. TEAM PRESIDENT FRED WHITFIELD AND VICE PRESIDENT PETE GUEILLI (GOO-ELL-EE) SPOKE TO REPORTERS AT THE TIME WARNER CABLE ARENA. SP

JUNE 10 – THE NATIONAL SPORTSCASTERS AND SPORTSWRITERS ASSOCIATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT DAVID GLENN, HOST OF THE DAVID GLENN SHOW IS A CO-RECIPIENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SPORTSCASTER OF THE YEAR. GUEST HOST CHIP PATTERSON SPOKE WITH DAVID WHO TOOK MONDAY OFF TO PICK UP HIS AWARD. SP

JUNE 11 – THE 114TH US OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP FROM PINEHURST IS NOW LESS THAN A DAY AWAY FROM THE OPENING TEE SHOT, AND JOSH ZACH CAUGHT UP WITH USGA HISTORIAN MIKE TROTSSEL (TROH-SUL) TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE KEY PLAYER STORYLINES AT THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT IN PINEHURST. SP

JUNE 12 – TODAY IS THE DAY THAT MANY IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR, OPENING DAY OF THE U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS FROM PINEHURST. WE'RE ALL EXCITED, BUT THERE IS ONE MAN WHO MAY ARGUABLY BE THE ONE PERSON WHO'S LOOKED FORWARD TO THESE NEXT TWO WEEKS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE ... REG JONES IS THE U.S. OPEN DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS ... HE'S ALSO A RESIDENT OF PINEHURST ... AND HE TALKED WITH JOSH ZACH AT PINEHURST THIS MORNING. SP

JUNE 23 – FOR SOCCER YOU GET 3 OPTIONS: WIN, LOSE OR DRAW. FOR THE USA MEN'S SOCCER TEAM AT THE WORLD CUP, IT LOOKED THEY WERE ABOUT TO GET A WIN UNTIL PORTUGAL CAME ROARING BACK. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ GETS REACTION FROM FANS HERE IN THE AREA. SP

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PA BLOCK FOR 4-6-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH ANDY ELLEN", PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

ISSUES COVERED: WHO MAKES UP THE RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION; SALES TAX; TAX REFORM; PROPOSED TOLL ON INTERSTATE 95; FAIRNESS OF ONLINE RETAIL SALES TAX; REGULATION OF RETAILERS; BLUE LAWS; PRIVILEGE TAXES; CONSUMER RIGHTS; MERCHANT RIGHTS; THEFT IN RETAIL STORES; WORKERS COMPENSATION REFORM; UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; TAX-FREE WEEKEND

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

HOST DONNA MARTINEZ CONTINUES HER CONVERSATIONS WITH THE THREE PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES SEEKING A SEAT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT. JUSTICE ROBIN HUDSON TELLS MARTINEZ WHY SHE'S SEEKING ANOTHER TERM, HOW HER VARIED BACKGROUND SERVES HER AS A JURIST ON THE STATE'S HIGHEST COURT, AND HOW THE COURT IMPACTS AVERAGE NORTH CAROLINIANS. HUDSON JOINS JUDGE ERIC LEVINSON AND JEANETTE DORAN ON THE BALLOT. THE TOP TWO VOTE-GETTERS WILL FACE EACH OTHER IN THE FALL GENERAL ELECTION. THEN WE TURN TO PERSPECTIVE ON THE 2014 SEASON FROM JOE STEWART OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION. STEWART DISCUSSES WHY IT LOOKS TO BE A GOOD YEAR FOR REPUBLICANS AND THE ROLE OUTSIDE MONEY IS ALREADY PLAYING IN THE SENATE RACE. NEXT ARE COMMENTS ABOUT GOV. PAT MCCRORY FROM TOM CAMPBELL, HOST OF THE STATEWIDE TV SHOW "NC SPIN." CAMPBELL ASSESSES THE GOVERNOR'S

PERFORMANCE SO FAR IN OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE INTENSE CRITICISM THE GOVERNOR HAS RECEIVED. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S STATE BOARD OF ELECTION REPORT, WHICH SHOWED THE POTENTIAL FOR "DOUBLE VOTING" BY MORE THAN 700 NORTH CAROLINA VOTERS IN 2012 DUE TO THEIR NAMES ALSO BEING MATCHED TO VOTER ROLLS IN OTHER STATES. CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON DISCUSSES THE DATA WITH MARTINEZ, THE NEXT STEPS TO DETERMINE IF FRAUD ACTUALLY EXISTS, AND HOW IT IS PLAYING IN THE ONGOING DEBATE OVER VOTER FRAUD AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT. THE TWO ALSO TALK ABOUT THE LATEST "ON THE TRAIL" CAMPAIGN NEWS, INCLUDING NEW ADS THAT HAVE GONE UP IN THE SENATE RACE, THE LATEST SENATE POLLING DATA, DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE CLAY AIKEN'S RELUCTANCE TO TALK ABOUT HIS "AMERICAN IDOL" EXPERIENCE, CRITICISM BY DEMOCRATS OF 5TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CONGRESSWOMAN VIRGINIA FOXX, AND THE ONGOING FIGHT FOR VOTES IN THE GOP PRIMARY FOR THE 6TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE.

PA BLOCK FOR 4-13-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH WAYNE GOODWIN", INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AND FIRE MARSHALL OF NORTH CAROLINA

ISSUES COVERED: DIFFERENT FORMS OF INSURANCE; "OBAMACARE"; HEALTH INSURANCE; STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE LEGISLATURE; STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AS STATE FIRE MARSHALL; "CAPTIVE" INSURANCE; INSURANCE FRAUD; HOME OWNERS INSURANCE; HOME OWNERS INSURANCE HEARING; AUTO INSURANCE; INSURANCE FOR JEWELRY AND COLLECTIBLES; STORM/HURRICANE/WEATHER RELATED INSURANCE CLAIMS; OTHER TYPES OF INSURANCE FRAUD; SAFE KIDS; VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

HE'S ONE OF THREE PEOPLE SEEKING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S NOMINATION FOR THE 2ND DISTRICT SEAT IN CONGRESS. THIS WEEK, HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH KEITH CRISCO ABOUT HIS RUN, WHAT DISTINGUISHES HIM FROM HIS OPPOSITION, HIS VIEW OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND THE KEY ISSUE IN THE DISTRICT. CRISCO FACES CLAY AIKEN AND TONI MORRIS ON THE MAY 6 BALLOT. THE WINNER WILL ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND BATTLE THE WINNER OF THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY: EITHER INCUMBENT RENEE ELLMERS OR FINANCIAL COUNSELOR FRANK ROCHE. THEN WE TURN TO COMMENTS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTION REFORM LAW, MADE THIS WEEK BY VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN IN A VIDEO FROM THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE. BIDEN PANS OUR STATE'S ELECTION REFORM LAWS AND SAYS THEY'RE PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM THE POLLS. BECKI GRAY OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION REACTS, SAYING BIDEN IS WRONG AND THAT THE ELECTION LAW CHANGES PUT NORTH CAROLINA IN THE MAINSTREAM OF STATE LAW. NEXT IS A LOOK AT THE 2014 ELECTION SEASON FROM DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL STRATEGIST BRAD CRONE. AT AN ELECTION PANEL HELD THIS WEEK IN RALEIGH, CRONE TOLD THE AUDIENCE WHICH REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE HE THINKS CAN DEFEAT DEMOCRATIC SEN. KAY HAGAN, AND HE DISCUSSED THE VOTING BLOCS HE BELIEVES WILL DETERMINE THE OUTCOME OF THE RACES. AND FINALLY, IN THIS WEEK'S INSTALLMENT OF "ON THE TRAIL," CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT A FEISTY ELECTION FORUM IN THE 12TH DISTRICT RACE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION WHEN ONE CANDIDATE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL VOUCHERS. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS NEW POLLING DATA THAT SHOW SEN. HAGAN CONTINUES TO FACE A TOUGH RE-ELECTION BID, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHARLOTTE MAYOR, FORMER STATE SEN. DAN CLODFELTER.

PA BLOCK FOR 4-20-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN", DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FOR NC US SENATE RACE, PROSPECTIVE PRIMARY WINNERS COMPARED TO KAY HAGAN, INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE POLLING, INTERNET POLLING, PUSH POLLS, MARGIN OF ERROR, POLLING NC ON MLB TEAMS, POLLING ON GAY MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNIONS, FAVORABILITY OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NC US CONGRESS SEATS, POPULARITY OF GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY, PRIMARY FAVORITES

FOR THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

HOST DONNA MARTINEZ CONTINUES HER "CANDIDATE CONVERSATIONS" WITH TONI MORRIS, ONE OF THREE DEMOCRATS SEEKING THEIR PARTY'S NOMINATION FOR THE 2ND DISTRICT SEAT IN THE U.S. CONGRESS. THEY TALK ABOUT WHY SHE'S RUNNING, HER VIEW OF THE KEY ISSUES IN THE DISTRICT, AND HER VIEWS ON OBAMACARE AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. MORRIS FACES KEITH CRISCO AND CLAY AIKEN IN THE MAY 6 PRIMARY, WITH THE WINNER TAKING ON THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE IN THE FALL -- EITHER GOP INCUMBENT RENEE ELLMERS OR HER PRIMARY CHALLENGER, INVESTMENT COUNSELOR FRANK ROCHE. THEN WE TURN TO THE FIGHT FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S U.S. SENATE SEAT. JUST DAYS AGO, SEVEN OF THE EIGHT REPUBLICANS IN THE RACE WERE PART OF A DEBATE HOSTED BY THE EAST WAKE REPUBLICAN CLUB, WHICH ASKED MARTINEZ TO MODERATE. THIS WEEK WE BRING YOU PART OF THAT DEBATE. YOU'LL HEAR THE SEVEN CANDIDATES TELL THE 500 IN ATTENDANCE WHY THEY DESERVE THE GOP NOMINATION, THEIR VIEW OF OBAMACARE, AND THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FACED BY NORTH CAROLINIANS. THE SEVEN CANDIDATES IN ATTENDANCE: TED ALEXANDER, ALEX BRADSHAW, GREG BRANNON, HEATHER GRANT, MARK HARRIS, ED KRYN, AND JIM SNYDER. THOM TILLIS WAS INVITED BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE. THE WINNER OF THE MAY 6 PRIMARY -- ASSUMING ONE OF THE CANDIDATES RECEIVES MORE THAN 40 PERCENT OF THE VOTE -- WILL FACE THE WINNER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY. INCUMBENT SEN. KAY HAGAN IS SEEKING RE-ELECTION BUT FIRST MUST GET PAST HER PRIMARY CHALLENGERS, ERNEST REEVES AND WILL STEWART.

PA BLOCK FOR 4-27-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH RAN COBLE", EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH

PURPOSE OF THE NCCPPR, FUNDING OF NCCPPR, COMPOSITION OF THE NCCPPR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GOVERNOR MCCRORY'S PRIORITIES FOR THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, NC TEACHER PAY, DUKE ENERGY COAL ASH SPILL, MEDICAID REFORM IN NC, REFORMING THE NC DEPT OF COMMERCE INTO A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, FRACKING IN NC, THE USE OF TELEPSYCHIATRY IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, UPCOMING PROJECTS FOR NCCPPR.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

LAST TIME AROUND, THE 7TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE GARNERED NATIONAL ATTENTION FOR THE FIGHT BETWEEN DEMOCRAT MIKE MCINTYRE AND STATE SEN. DAVID ROUZER. MCINTYRE WON BY JUST 650 VOTES. BUT WITH MCINTYRE RETIRING, THE REPUBLICANS ARE SALIVATING OVER SNAGGING THE SEAT, AND THE FIGHT HAS MOVED TO THE GOP PRIMARY, WHERE ROUZER FACES A STIFF CHALLENGE FROM NEW HANOVER COUNTY COMMISSIONER WOODY WHITE. THIS WEEK HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH THE THIRD PERSON IN THE RACE, CHRIS ANDRADE, A MAN WHO TELLS MARTINEZ HE'S STAYING OUT OF THE ROUZER-WHITE TUG-OF-WAR AND FOCUSING ON HIS OWN MESSAGE TO VOTERS. THEN WE TURN TO THE IMPACT OF THIS WEEK'S TELEVISED DEBATES BETWEEN THE LEADING REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATE. IN THIS WEEK'S "ON THE TRAIL" SEGMENT, CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON GIVES MARTINEZ HIS ANALYSIS OF HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS, WHO JOINED THREE OF HIS RIVALS IN WHAT IS ONE OF THE FIRST INSTANCES OF THE SPEAKER ENGAGING ON A STATEWIDE BASIS. HENDERSON ALSO DETAILS THE RECENT LEGAL SETTLEMENT MADE BY DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER OVER AN HE RAN IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF HIS 2000 CAMPAIGN FOR THE OFFICE. THE SETTLEMENT HAS COOPER APOLOGIZING TO HIS OPPONENT, DAN BOYCE, AND OTHERS, FOR THE AD, WHICH ATTACKED THEIR CHARACTER. COOPER HAS ALSO AGREED TO PAY ROUGHLY \$75,000 IN LEGAL FEES TO END THE 14-YEAR LEGAL BATTLE. HENDERSON ANALYZES THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE SETTLEMENT ON COOPER'S POSSIBLE RUN FOR GOVERNOR IN 2016. THEN WE TURN TO THE CONTENTIOUS GOP PRIMARY IN THE 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, WHERE INCUMBENT WALTER JONES IS FACING HIS STIFFEST CHALLENGE EVER FROM TAYLOR GRIFFIN. PEOPLE IN POLITICS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS ABOUT THE RACE WITH GREENVILLE-AREA TALK SHOW HOST TOM LAMPRECHT. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK INSIDE A NEW ORGANIZATION THAT HAS JOINED THE STATE'S POLICY AND POLITICAL DEBATE. DALLAS WOODHOUSE TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT THE GROUP CALLED CAROLINA RISING.

AND FINALLY, THE STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA HAS RELEASED AN INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT OF THE STATE'S \$87 BILLION PENSION FUND INVESTMENTS, WHICH CONCLUDES THAT TREASURER JANET COWELL IS MAKING "SECRET DEALS" WITH WALL STREET INVESTMENT FIRMS. COWELL DENIES THE ALLEGATION AND SAYS THE GROUP'S REPORT IS WRONG. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH THE FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR HIRED BY THE EMPLOYEES' GROUP, EDWARD SIEDLE, ABOUT HIS FINDINGS.

PA BLOCK FOR 5-4-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH TOM ROSS", PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

IMPACT OF BUDGET CUTS ON THE UNC SYSTEM, PRICE OF TUITION, CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY GROWING NUMBER OF APPLICANTS, CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY CAMPUS LOCATIONS, IMPACT OF DISTANCE LEARNING, ROLE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, HOW THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM WORK TOGETHER, ROLE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ROLE OF UNC HEALTH CARE AND UNC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, HOW THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM COORDINATES WITH K-12, HELPING WITH THE "BRAND N.C." CAMPAIGN, ROLE OF ATHLETICS IN THE UNC SYSTEM, AND THE ROLE OF RESEARCH WITHIN THE UNC SYSTEM.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND THOUSANDS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF EARLY VOTING. THIS WEEK, HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH TWO REPUBLICANS ENGAGED IN A HEATED FIGHT FOR THE GOP NOMINATION FOR THE 7TH DISTRICT SEAT IN CONGRESS -- THE SEAT BEING VACATED BY DEMOCRAT MIKE MCINTYRE. FORMER JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE SEN. DAVID ROUZER AND NEW HANOVER COUNTY COMMISSIONER WOODY WHITE HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN A VERBAL AND ADVERTISING BATTLE OVER WHICH MAN WOULD BETTER REPRESENT THE DISTRICT, WHICH LEANS REPUBLICAN DESPITE MCINTYRE'S LONG REPRESENTATION. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH ROUZER ABOUT HIS STRATEGY OF CALLING OUT WHITE FOR BEING A TRIAL ATTORNEY, AND SHE TALKS WITH WHITE ABOUT HIS CLAIM THAT ROUZER REPRESENTS THE WASHINGTON ESTABLISHMENT THAT HAS FAILED TO REPRESENT REPUBLICAN VALUES. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH THE THIRD REPUBLICAN IN THE RACE LAST WEEK, CHRIS ANDRADE. THEN WE TURN TO THE RACE THAT SOME FOLKS DON'T EVEN REALIZE IS ON THE PRIMARY BALLOT: THE RACE FOR A SEAT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT. THIS WEEK MARTINEZ REVISITS HER CONVERSATIONS WITH ALL THREE CANDIDATES: JUSTICE ROBIN HUDSON, ATTORNEY JEANETTE DORAN, AND JUDGE ERIC LEVINSON. ALL THREE TALK ABOUT THEIR BACKGROUND AND WHY THEY WANT TO SIT ON THE STATE'S HIGHEST COURT. VOTERS CAN CHOOSE ONLY ONE CANDIDATE ON MAY 6, BUT THE TOP TWO VOTE-GETTERS WILL ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION IN THE FALL. HUDSON, A DEMOCRAT, IS THE INCUMBENT IN THE NONPARTISAN RACE. DORAN AND LEVINSON ARE REPUBLICANS.

PA BLOCK FOR 5-11-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH ANDY TAYLOR", PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

VOTER TURNOUT FOR PRIMARIES, LACK OF VOTING TRENDS IN THE STATE, REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FOR U.S. SENATE, IMPACT OF TEA PARTY ON PRIMARIES, POLITICAL STRATEGIES FOR THOM TILLIS AND KAY HAGAN, REVIEW OF PRIMARY CONGRESSIONAL RACES, IMPACT OF REDISTRICTING AND PROSPECTS ON INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING, PREDICTING THE POLITICAL MAKEUP OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE FUTURE, NORTH CAROLINA AS A SWING STATE, MOVING UP THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, IMPACT OF MOVING FROM PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY TO A CONVENTION OR GENERAL ELECTION PRIMARY, APPROVAL RATING OF GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

NORTH CAROLINA VOTERS HAD THEIR SAY TUESDAY NIGHT, AND NOW WE KNOW THE FIELD FOR MOST RACES IN THE FALL GENERAL ELECTION. AT LEAST ONE CONGRESSIONAL RACE WILL HEAD TO A JULY RUNOFF, HOWEVER, AND A SECOND CONGRESSIONAL RACE IS STILL UNDECIDED. BUT THE MAJOR RACE OF THE NIGHT -- THE FIGHT FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR U.S. SENATE -- ENDED WITH A COMFORTABLE WIN FOR NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS, WHO VANQUISHED SEVEN CHALLENGERS. YOU'LL HEAR TILLIS' COMMENTS TO HIS SUPPORTERS FOLLOWING HIS WIN. THEN HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS REACTION TO THE TILLIS WIN FROM DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT THOMAS MILLS, WHO BLOGS AT POLITICSNC.COM. MILLS LAYS OUT THE CHALLENGE FOR DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT KAY HAGAN AND THE ROLE PRESIDENT OBAMA MAY PLAY IN THE RACE. THEN WE TURN TO RESULTS FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL RACES WITH CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON. MARTINEZ AND HENDERSON DISCUSS THE QUESTION MARK OVER WHO HAS WON THE 2ND DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BETWEEN CLAY AIKEN AND CRISCO, AND WHY PHIL BERGER JR. WILL BE PART OF A JULY RUNOFF IN THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE TOUGH FIGHT THAT FACED 3RD DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN WALTER JONES, WHO SURVIVED HIS PRIMARY CHALLENGE. AND FINALLY, MARTINEZ AND HENDERSON GO OVER KEY LEGISLATIVE PRIMARY RACES, WHERE AT LEAST THREE LAWMAKERS WERE OUSTED BY THEIR OWN PARTY.

PA BLOCK FOR 5-18-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH PHIL BERGER", PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATE

ADJUSTING THE BUDGET IN THE SHORT SESSION, DEFERRED MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE BUDGET, DECLINING REVENUE FROM GAS TAX, FUNDING ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION, TEACHER PAY IN NC PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WHAT IS ELIGIBLE TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE SHORT SESSION, EXAMINING PAY STRUCTURE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, PRICE OF TUITION FOR STATE SUPPORTED SCHOOLS, MEETING COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET DEMANDS, STATUS OF NATURAL GAS DRILLING AND OFFSHORE DRILLING IN NC, CHALLENGES OF CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS IN NC, MEDICAID FUNDING, STATE OF MENTAL HEALTH REFORM IN NC, MILITARY IMPACT ON THE NC ECONOMY, CHANGES TO EARLY VOTING AND VOTER I.D., INCENTIVES FOR INDUSTRIES IN NC, TAX REFORM, AND REDISTRICTING

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

SHOCK AND SORROW THIS WEEK AS POLITICIANS REACT TO THE SUDDEN DEATH OF 2ND DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE KEITH CRISCO. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON ABOUT CRISCO'S UNTIMELY PASSING, REACTION FROM THE POLITICAL WORLD ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE, AND THE RAMIFICATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION. THEY ALSO DISCUSS THE JULY RUNOFF IN THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AS REPUBLICAN PHIL BERGER JR. FACES OFF AGAINST REV. MARK WALKER, AND THE ADVERTISING THAT'S ALREADY BEGUN IN THE RACE FOR THE U.S. SENATE BETWEEN REPUBLICAN THOM TILLIS, DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN, AND LIBERTARIAN SEAN HAUGH. THEN WE TURN TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE, WHICH RECONVENED THIS WEEK IN RALEIGH. YOU'LL HEAR COMMENTS FROM THE LEADERS OF BOTH CHAMBERS, SENATE LEADER PHIL BERGER AND HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS. NEXT IS A DISCUSSION WITH FORMER DEMOCRATIC RALEIGH MAYOR CHARLES MEEKER ABOUT HIS INVOLVEMENT IN A NEW EFFORT TO PUSH FOR REDISTRICTING REFORM. MARTINEZ ALSO ASKS MEEKER IF THE RUMORS ARE TRUE THAT HE'S INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR IN 2016. AND FINALLY, GOV. PAT MCCRORY HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW INITIATIVE TO COMBAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE. YOU'LL HEAR THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS MADE AT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK.

PA BLOCK FOR 5-25-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH BRUCE STANLEY", PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

HISTORY OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN, SERVICES OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN, PERFORMING RESEARCH AND ASSESSING SUCCESS, NC COUNTIES WORKING WITH METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN, PRIVATIZING SOCIAL WORK, METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN OPERATING BUDGET, STATUS OF

THE BATTLE ON DRUGS AND ALCOHOL, CORRELATION BETWEEN RAPE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE, PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE, STATUS OF MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IN NC, SUCCESSES OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN, IMPACT OF GETTING FAMILIES OFF WELFARE, COORDINATION WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND CYBERBULLYING, ADOPTION AND FOSTER SERVICES, ROLE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, FUTURE OF METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN SERVICES, AND ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE LEGISLATURE IS HARD AT WORK, AND SO ARE THE ANTI-REPUBLICAN PROTESTERS, LED FOR A SECOND YEAR BY THE NORTH CAROLINA NAACP AND OTHER ALLIED GROUPS. BUT HOST DONNA MARTINEZ REPORTS THAT THIS YEAR, SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT WITH THE PROTESTS. THIS YEAR, REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS ARE SPEAKING OUT. YOU'LL HEAR COMMENTS FROM STATE REPS. PAUL STAM AND JIM FULGHAM OF WAKE COUNTY, AND STATE SEN. JIM DAVIS OF MACON COUNTY. AS THE SESSION CONTINUES, SCRUTINY IS MOST INTENSE ON HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS, REPUBLICAN OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, AS HE JUGGLES DUAL ROLES AS HOUSE SPEAKER AND U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE. MATT BALES OF THE N.C. FREE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION TALKS WITH MARTINEZ ABOUT TILLIS' JUGGLING ACT AND WHY HE'S SKATING A FINE LINE THAT COULD BECOME FODDER FOR HIS OPPONENT'S CAMPAIGN. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS ABOUT REDRAWING ELECTION DISTRICTS WITH THE LEADER OF THE SENATE, PHIL BERGER OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY. NEXT IS A LOOK AT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE 6TH DISTRICT GOP PRIMARY BETWEEN PHIL BERGER, JR. AND MARK WALKER. ENDORSEMENTS AND A DIFFERENCE IN CAMPAIGN STYLE COULD DETERMINE THE OUTCOME, ACCORDING TO RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL. HENDERSON UPDATES MARTINEZ ON THE AD WAR IN THE U.S. SENATE RACE AS WELL. AND FINALLY, DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT THOMAS MILLS TELLS MARTINEZ WHAT TILLIS SHOULD EXPECT FROM THE KAY HAGAN CAMPAIGN, WHICH ENJOYS THE SUPPORT OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENT GROUPS AND MONEY.

PA BLOCK FOR 6-1-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

INTERVIEW WITH BECKI GRAY", VICE PRESIDENT OF OUTREACH FOR THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION

HISTORY OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SHORT AND LONG LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, NC BUDGET PROCESS, IMPACT OF REDISTRICTING ON RURAL AND URBAN AREAS, SESSION PROPOSALS TO RAISE TEACHER PAY, ECONOMIC IMPACT AND FUNDING FOR TEACHER PAY RAISE, MORAL MONDAY PROTESTS, PROPOSED FRACKING LEGISLATION, THOM TILLIS BALANCING HOUSE DUTIES WITH CAMPAIGN, IMPORTANCE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA U.S. SENATE RACE, IMPACT OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY PERFORMANCE REVIEW, TAX REFORM AND REGULATORY REFORM, AND IMPACT OF REGULATORY REFORM ON THE NC ECONOMY.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

TWO NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES ARE STILL UNSURE OF WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, AND THEY WON'T KNOW UNTIL 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VOTERS HAVE THEIR SAY IN THE JULY RUNOFF FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION. THIS WEEK, HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH CANDIDATE MARK WALKER ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND AND VIEWS, AND WALKER DISCUSSES WHAT DISTINGUISHES HIM FROM HIS GOP OPPONENT, PHIL BERGER JR. THEN WE TURN TO PERSPECTIVE ON NORTH CAROLINA'S U.S. SENATE RACE -- THE RACE CAN MAY DETERMINE WHETHER DEMOCRATS RETAIN CONTROL OF THE SENATE. NC STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ANDY TAYLOR EXPLAINS THE DYNAMICS OF THE RACE BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT KAY HAGAN AND HER GOP OPPONENT, N.C. HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY AN UPDATE ON THE "MORAL MONDAY" PROTEST MOVEMENT, WHICH HAS RETURNED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY GROUNDS TO EXPRESS MEMBERS' DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE REPUBLICAN-LED CHAMBERS. AFTER REPEATED WARNINGS BY POLICE, MORE THAN A DOZEN PROTESTERS WERE ARRESTED FOR REFUSING TO LEAVE SPEAKER TILLIS' OFFICE. YOU'LL HEAR GOV. PAT MCCRORY'S VIEW OF THE INCIDENT IN AN INTERVIEW WITH HENRY HINTON OF WTIB IN GREENVILLE. NEXT IS AN UPDATE ON KEY N.C. SENATE RACES TO WATCH IN NOVEMBER. RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL TELLS MARTINEZ THAT SEVERAL INCUMBENTS ARE FACING TOUGH CHALLENGES. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE LATEST ON SEN. HAGAN'S AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST RIVAL TILLIS AS THE SPEAKER PRESIDES OVER HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

PA BLOCK FOR 6-8-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH CONGRESSWOMAN RENEE ELLMERS", U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, N.C. DISTRICT 2

HEALTH CARE REFORM, REPLACEMENT PLAN FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT, PROPOSAL INACTIVATE THE 440TH AIRLIFT WING AT FORT BRAGG, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS SCANDAL, PROJECT GROW, IDEOLOGY OF YOUNGER VOTERS, NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT IN PREVENTATIVE CARE, BERGDAHL PRISONER SWAP, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ELECTION YEARS AND NON-ELECTION YEARS, HOW TO CONTACT RENEE ELLMERS, THE STATUS OF U.S. SUPPORT IN AFGHANISTAN, IMMIGRATION REFORM, REDUCING THE NATIONAL DEFICIT, AND TAX REFORM.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

GUILTY. FORMER CHARLOTTE MAYOR PATRICK CANNON TELLS A U.S. MAGISTRATE HE IS GUILTY OF PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND PLEADS GUILTY TO A COUNT OF HONEST SERVICES FRAUD. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON ABOUT THE STUNNING REVELATIONS THAT COULD LAND THE 47-YEAR-OLD RISING STAR OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY A PRISON STINT AND A HUGE FINE. THIS WEEK MARTINEZ ALSO CONTINUES HER LOOK AT ONE OF FIVE RUNOFFS SCHEDULED FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA BALLOT ON JULY 15: THE RACE FOR THE GOP'S NOMINATION FOR THE 6TH DISTRICT SEAT IN CONGRESS. LAST WEEK MARTINEZ TALKED WITH CANDIDATE MARK WALKER. THIS WEEK SHE TALKS ABOUT KEY ISSUES WITH CANDIDATE PHIL BERGER, JR., AND ASKS HIM WHAT DISTINGUISHES HIM FROM HIS OPPONENT. THEN WE LOOK AT REACTION FROM SUPPORTERS OF THE CURRENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONTINUED "MORAL MONDAY" PROTESTS AGAINST REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS AND GOV. PAT MCCRORY. DALLAS WOODHOUSE OF CAROLINA RISING TELLS MARTINEZ WHY HIS GROUP IS TELLING PROTESTERS THEY'VE GOT PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS TO BE HAPPY ABOUT. ONCE THE SHORT LEGISLATIVE SESSION COMES TO A CLOSE, WILL REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS HEAD HOME TO AN ELECTORATE THAT'S PLEASED WITH THEM? MARTINEZ GETS THE LATEST POLLING DATA FROM PUBLIC POLICY POLLING'S TOM JENSEN, WHO SAYS VOTERS ARE JUST AS UNHAPPY WITH DEMOCRATS AS THEY ARE REPUBLICANS. MARTINEZ AND JENSEN ALSO DISCUSS THE U.S. SENATE RACE AND THE POTENTIAL SPOILER ROLE THAT MAY BE PLAYED BY LIBERTARIAN SEAN HAUGH, AND WHETHER THE DEMOCRATS HAVE A 2016 PRESIDENTIAL BENCH SHOULD HILLARY CLINTON DECLINE TO SEEK THE PARTY'S NOMINATION.